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College denies student allegations of misconduct

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Hamilton College officials misrepresented the facts surrounding a minor NCAA violation, discouraged students from seeking the advice of an attorney and coerced them into signing documents before reading them, according to Luvuyo Mandela '09, Ramunas Rozgys '09 and their attorney, Elizabeth Holland '87.

Mandela and Rozgys left the men's basketball team in January, despite being cleared to play after the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) determined the payment of their admissions deposit by an alumnus, now identified as Robert Ludwig '72, did not purposely violate NCAA rules. Now, the students and their attorney are claiming that the College misrepresented the facts and acted inappropriately throughout its investigation, charges the College denies.

Dean of Amission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer claims Mandela and Rozgys, like all admitted students, received letters notifying them of their admission and soliciting a $500 admission deposit. Mandela and Rozgys, however, claim they were never asked for a deposit and thus sent no money in to reserve their spots in the Class of 2009.

"When we didn't hear from these two students because they didn't send in their information, we called the school [St. Anne's Belfield, where both attended high school], like we do with any other early decision candidate," Inzer stated. "We did talk with the college counseling office. From their, the deposit arrived from the alumn."

In a letter sent to Hamilton's Admission Office obtained by *The Spectator*, however, Karen E. O'Neil, director of college counseling at St. Anne's Belfield, claims she

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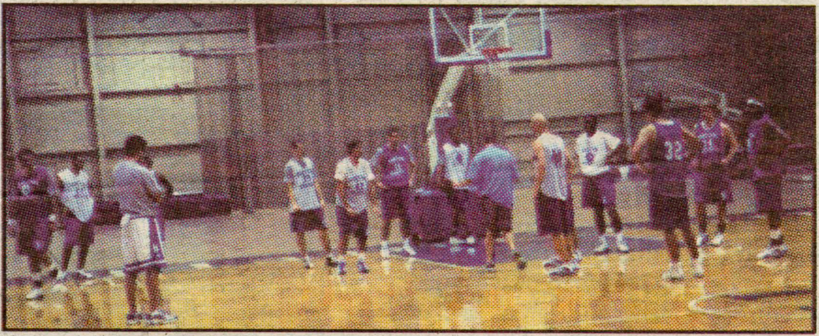

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07
Rozgys and Mandela chose not to come back to the team.

Colgate professor lectures at Hamilton

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Vivian Ling lectured on U.S.-China relations on Wednesday, February 22. Ling, the National Endowment for the Humanities professor at Colgate University, focused her lecture on the evolution of U.S.-China relations, as the title of her lecture, "From Rapprochement to Engagement: Relating to the Chinese in the Post-Mao Era," suggests. An expert and pioneer in the study of U.S.-China relations, Ling has not only extensively researched this topic but has also witnessed these relations first-hand. From 1970 to 1994, she held the positions of assistant professor, associate professor, full professor and chairperson of the East Asian languages and literatures department at Oberlin College. During the subsequent three years, she was general director of Stanford University's Inter-Universities Program for Chinese Language Studies in Taipei, at Taiwan University. When the program moved to Qinghua University, Beijing, Ling moved as well and continued as general director from 1997-2001. In 2002

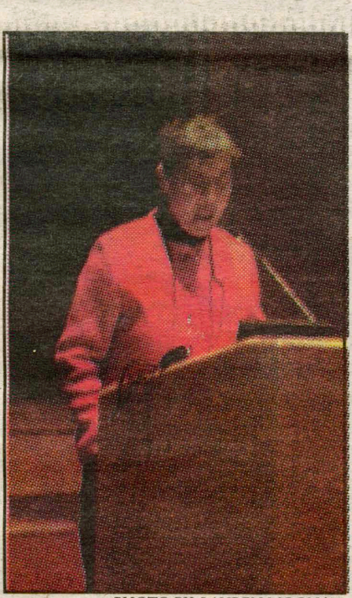

PHOTO BY LAUREN MOON '09
Ling spoke from her personal experience about U.S.-China relations.

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New York Attorney General Candidate comes to campus

by Susan Stanton '09
News Writer

Last Saturday night the College Democrats and other students gathered in the Science Center Auditorium and applauded as their guest speaker, Sean Patrick Maloney, current candidate for New York State Attorney General, entered the room. Maloney wittily replied to the group of gathered students asking: "Was that a clap saying 'thank God he's finally here?'"

Despite Maloney's late arrival, students were engaged throughout his talk, as questions were answered and discussions were had about his campaign, politics in general and even a small digression about quail hunting.

The College Democrats contacted Maloney's office, after hearing him speak at a Cornell University conference, and invited him to Hamilton.

The event began with a showing of Maloney's campaign video, which featured clips of Maloney with former President Clinton. Maloney worked from 1997-2000 as a senior West Wing advisor to President Clinton, making him the youngest person ever to serve as the President's staff secretary. The video also showed a clip from the mother of Matthew Shepard, a victim of a gay related hate crime. Maloney worked as a pro bono lawyer on the Matthew Shepard case.

Maloney began his talk by saying, "I love coming to college campuses and talking to people who are just starting to get turned onto politics."

He then began to speak about his background experience and why he was qualified for the job as Attorney General. He explained his current job, as a corporate attorney who specializes in criminal and institutional investigations at the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher, as the "good guy" who investigates what is wrong with institutions. Maloney explained that the job of Attorney General

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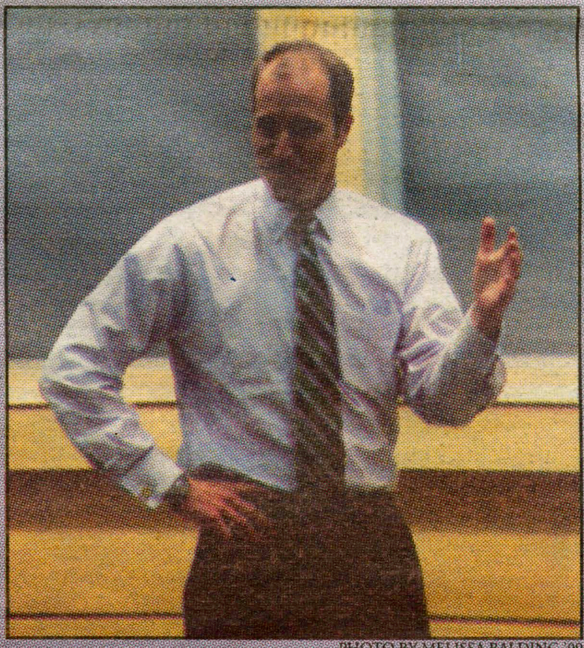

PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09
NYS Attorney General Candidate Sean Patrick Maloney spoke to a group of Hamilton students over the weekend.

Wisconsin professor speaks on history of allergy

by Alex Morgan '09
News Writer

Dr. Gregg Mitman, professor of the history of science at the University of Wisconsin, recently gave a lecture entitled "Breathing Space: An Ecological History of Allergy in America." Mitman's book of the same title will be available in the spring of 2007.

Mitman began his lecture with an account of actor Mr. T's removal of more than 70 trees from his seven-acre property in Lake Forest, a community just outside of Chicago. Mr. T cleared the trees because of an allergy to pollen. The Lake Forest City Council passed an ordinance after this incident prohibiting private homeowners from removing large trees within 35 feet of public thoroughfares.

Mitman noted that over a hundred years before Mr. T's decision to clear trees from his property, wealthy members of Chicago's Presbyterian community decided to found Lake Forest as an escape from the debilitating effects of modern city life. Hay fever was one disease they considered to be a product of modern civilization.

"The affluent afflicted shaped the environment in a way they thought would alleviate their symptoms," said Mitman. Instead of removing trees the wealthy hired landscapers, to recreate a more pristine version of nature.

Jens Jenson, a famous early 20th century architect and landscaper believed, along with those who left the indoor life of the city for a more rural environment, that natural surroundings provided health benefits.

Currently, the $5 billion antihistamine industry treats 50 million allergy sufferers. "Air conditioning or getting out of the city often alleviates allergy symptoms," said Mitman, who highlighted ways of improving allergy symptoms that do not require over-the-counter or prescription drugs.

In a time before reliable medication, Chicago residents already

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PHOTO BY LINDSAY WATERBURY '09
Gregg Mitman lectured on the ecological history of allergy.

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Numerous questions remain over NCAA violation

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never heard from Hamilton.

"I have no recollection of any conversation with any person from Hamilton College regarding a $500 matriculation deposit fee for either Luvuyo Mandela or Ramunas Rozgys. No other member of my staff had any conversation with any person from Hamilton College regarding this deposit for either boy," O'Neill wrote.

Inzer acknowledged receiving the letter, but insisted Hamilton had contacted the College Counseling Office at St. Anne's Belfield.

"I believe that the guidance counselor doesn't remember receiving the call," Inzer stated. "We didn't document every single step, but I know our process."

According to Inzer, after Hamiton contacted St. Anne's Belfield, Ludwig sent the Admissions Office a check for Mandela and Rozgys's deposits. Because Ludwig had known the students while they attended St. Anne's Belfied with his three daughters, Inzer stated, the College believed the payment did not violate NCAA rules.

But Holland tells a very different story. According to her, Ludwig did not pay the two $500 deposits. She claims it was paid by "a group of interested parties" from St. Anne's Belfield, of which Ludwig is a member.

Inzer dismissed this assertion. "The check came from Mr. Ludwig. We know that it did. For whatever reasons, people are nervous and they're trying to turn it around," she stated.

Holland also claims that Mary Karen Vellines, Hamilton's senior associate dean of admission, directly solicited the deposit payment from Ludwig, a charge Inzer vehemently denied. When reached at home, Vellines declined to comment.

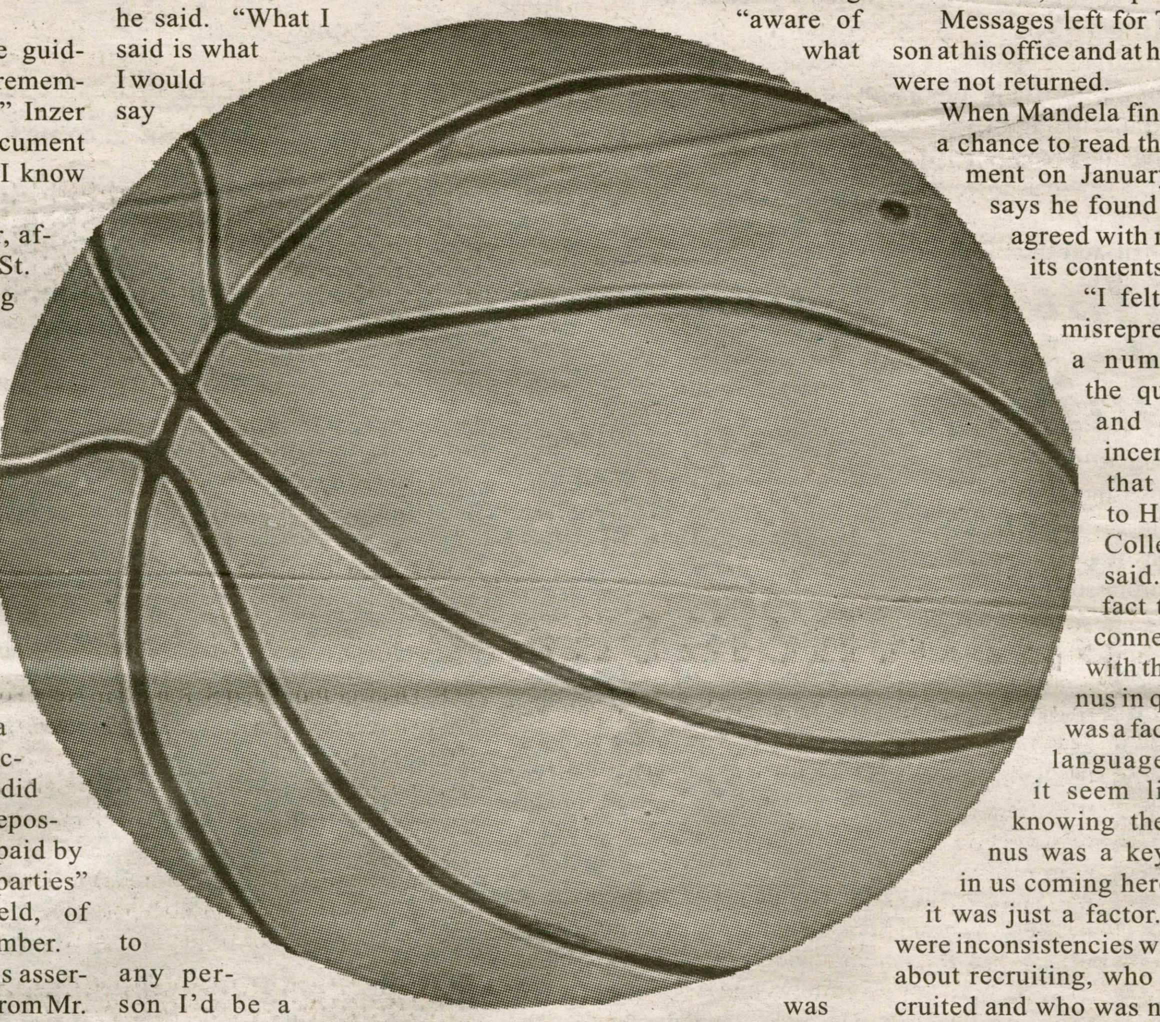
Questions also remain about how the College reported the violation to the NCAA and about how they dealt with Mandela and Rozgys.

According to Mandela, men's basketball coach Tobin Anderson tried to discourage him from consulting an attorney.

"He [Anderson] made a blanket statement about how his experience with lawyers had never been good and so it was not in our best interest to deal with a lawyer," Mandela said. He stated that Anderson told him lawyers "could muddy our decisions as athletes and that the decisions should be made entirely on our personal conclusions without the advice of other people."

Rozgys recalled a similar chain of events. "He had bad experiences with lawyers and therefore we should listen to our hearts and not really to lawyers. Lawyers should not be involved in this case," he recalled Anderson telling him, Mandela and high school and college teammates Tsakane Ngobeni '07 and Giorgi Chavleishvili '08.

Anderson fervently denied that he tried to dissuade any of the students from seeking counsel. "No, no, no. That's wrong and that's not true at all," he said. "What I said is what I would say to any person I'd be a mentor to. Every person is responsible for their own decisions, and I think these persons should make their own decisions."



According to Mandela and Rozgys, Anderson pulled them aside on December 31 and brought the students to his office, where Anderson instructed them to write out a statement.

"He said that we should write our names, where we're from and that because of where we're from we're unaware of NCAA rules," Mandela said. "They dictated to us what to write, basically. They said, 'If you say this, this and that, you can play in the Washington College game [on January 4],'" Rozgys added. Mandela is from South Africa, and Rozgys is from Lithuania.

Both students claim they were instructed to bring their statements to Athletics Director Dave Thompson, who had a waiting document turned to the last page. According to Rozgys, it was approximately 1:10 p.m. and Anderson and Thompson told them it needed to be signed by 1:30 p.m.

"We walked into Dave Thompson's office to hand in those statements and that was the only time I knew that there was another document to be signed," Mandela said.

Rozgys said he felt pressured to sign the document. "They repeated, 'just sign it and it's over.' Coach Anderson mentioned it in the office and Coach Thompson said it a couple of times," he said.

Mandela says he "didn't feel comfortable that he had time to read it," and ultimately signed the multi-page document without being "aware of what was written in the rest of the document." Mandela also claims they were told if they did not sign the document, they would not be able to travel with the team for the January 4 Washington College game.

Anderson disputes the students' recollection of the event. "The NCAA was going to be closed on January 1, and we were leaving for Washington College on the 2nd, so we did this as quickly as possible. I think there was a document there, and from what I recall they didn't ask to read it. I didn't know what was going on with it, either," he said. "The idea of a conspiracy theory or something like that - I don't think it's even something to be discussed."

According to Holland, the document they signed was a Buckley Statement, which was the College's request to the NCAA for reinstatement and asked the students to waive their right to privacy.

After consulting with Holland, Mandela and Rozgys claim they asked Thompson for the documents back so they could read them over with their attorney.

"We had a meeting that evening and we were asked why we wanted to retrieve the documents and we told them our lawyer had asked to take a look," Mandela explained.

According to Rozgys, Thompson refused to give him the document. "He said, 'No, you can't get them back because some higher powers at school told me that I could not give the documents back to you. Come back after practice and I'll give them back to you.' So I went back after practice and he wasn't there," he explained.

Messages left for Thompson at his office and at his home were not returned.

When Mandela finally got a chance to read the document on January 9, he says he found he disagreed with much of its contents.

"I felt it was misrepresenting a number of the questions and certain incentives that led us to Hamilton College," he said. "The fact that our connection with the alumnus in question was a factor - the language made it seem like our knowing the alumnus was a key factor in us coming here, when it was just a factor. There were inconsistencies with facts about recruiting, who was recruited and who was not."

According to both Mandela and Rozgys, Hamilton President Joan Hinde Stewart discussed the situation with them on at least one occasion. According to Mandela, on the morning the team left for Washington College, Ludwig, Rozgys, Ngobeni, Chavleishvili and he were told she was on standby on the phone. Mandela claims they were offered the opportunity to speak with her about traveling to Washington College, an action Ludwig and all four St. Anne's Belfield alumni chose not to do. Rozgys has not appeared in a game since, and Ngobeni and Chavleishvili returned after missing the next four contests.

According to Mandela, the four players met with Stewart and a representative from Admission after the team returned from Washington College.

"The main point of her conversation with us was why we had agreed to stay back and what the school had to do to get us back on the court," Mandela said. "She kept questioning what it was." Mandela claims he had a gut feeling that wasn't comfortable with returning to the team.

When asked for comment, Stewart and Executive Director of Communications Mike Debraggio declined to comment on specifics, each issuing generic statements about the issue.

"Hamilton's self-initiated inquiry, a requirement of our membership in the NCAA, was fair, thorough and conducted with the intent of protecting the best interests of the students involved. To claim otherwise, especially when the College has evidence to contradict such assertions, is at best disingenuous," Debraggio said.

Despite the loss of Rozgys, who was playing significant minutes as a freshman, and Mandela, who did not appear in any games this season, the men's basketball team finished first in the Liberty League, ending the season with an overall record of 20-4 and 11-2 in Liberty League action. Hamilton, seeded first, will host #4 RPI tonight in Scott Field House.

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Lecturer discusses allergies

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had an effective way to escape the irritants of the city air. Today, hay fever and asthma are the sixth leading causes of chronic illness in the United States.

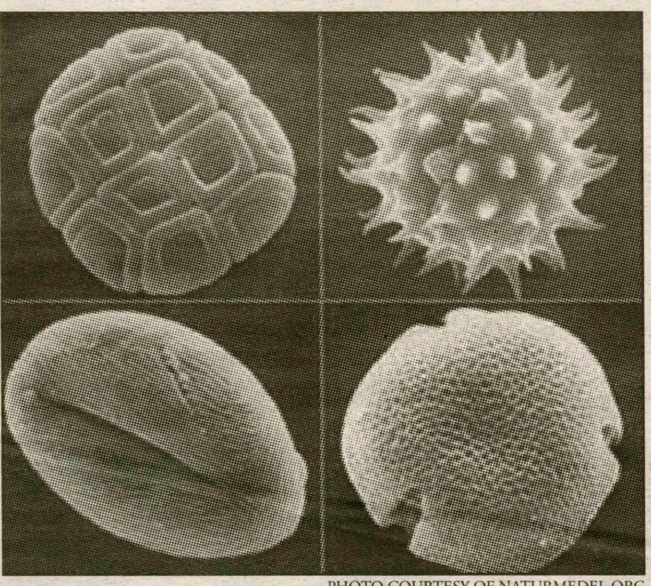
In the 19th and early 20th centuries wealthy men and women left the city in late August to spend time out in the country where fresh air was abundant.

Fear of allergies boosted the tourist industry. "The summer tourist season usually ended in late August, but hotels now remained open until the first frost," said Mitman.

Asthma dates back to the times of ancient Greece, but hay fever, first reported in Britain, is more recent. Remaining indoors and inhaling allergens such as dust and mold contributes to the illness.

Desensitization was the first attempt at treating indoor ailments and dates back to the 1910s. Patients were injected with gradually increasing levels of pollen and dander to strengthen their level of resistance.

"Herbicides were widely used in the 1950s to try to curb the spread of ragweed as a means to alleviate hay fever," said Mitman.



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Mitman said that the antihistamine industry serves 50 million allergy sufferers and is worth $50 billion.

According to Mitman, inadequate access to healthcare, exposure to different allergens such as cockroaches, air pollution, and several other factors make asthma a more severe childhood condition in poor inner-city communities than in middle class suburbs.

In Colorado, mining operations during the 19th century released plumes of hazardous smoke. Mitman noted how progress often contributed to health problems. 19th century asthma sufferers would most likely have avoided these emissions, but did find the rarified air at high altitudes in Colorado decreased their asthma symptoms.

After World War II people still tried to escape the pollution of urban life. During this period half of Tucson's population settled in the area because of allergy problems.

Towards the end of his lecture, Mitman linked Mr. T's experience with that of the rich in the 19th and early 20th centuries. "Mr. T, like the wealthy people in the 19th and early 20th centuries, chose to alter his environment to escape exposure to allergies."

Chinese rapprochement

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Ling became the field director of Associate Colleges in China (ACC), administered by Hamilton College.

Using photos to compare the evolution of rapprochement to engagement, Ling enlivened the discussion and clearly explained her thesis to the audience, which was comprised of students and professors. One photo, taken in 1981, featured a group of Oberlin College exchange students standing impassively on the steps of a Chinese building. Ling explained that this photo in particular illustrated the state of U.S.-China relations; in all dorms and classes, American students were segregated from Chinese students. The segregation the students experienced during their visit in 1981 mirrored the segregation any tourist visiting China also experienced at the time.

As Ling purports, foreigners in China experienced the sense of being in a "transparent bubble" because they were only permitted to see what the Chinese state wanted them to see: the beauty of China. Censorship additionally ensured that tourists and students alike could only, as Ling attests, "touch the edge of the bubble." They could never fully experience the authentic Chinese culture. Ling alleges that the reason the Chinese government enforced a pretty façade to the segregated foreigners was because China realized that it had fallen behind the Western world in several facets of modernity and that this essential gap created an inferiority complex.

Expounding upon the Chinese state's instability, Ling discussed the reactions and experiences of her academic colleagues. Like students and tourists, all foreign scholars were segregated from the people and culture they had come to study and form bonds with. Ling alleges that scholars lived in "isolated splendor," far removed from the normal everyday existence of the regular Chinese citizenry. Scholars yearned for contact with the local Chinese people, and the Chinese citizenry likewise craved contact with foreigners, but both sides were thwarted by the controlling Chinese government.

Unlike most scholars, Ling's nationality disguised her American identity and allowed her to "break through the bubble;" however, her identity also created difficulties. For example, if the government believed that a foreigner was becoming too close to a Chinese person and decided to take action, the Chinese person would be in a precarious and perhaps life-threatening position, whereas the foreigner could easily return to his or her own country. Consequently, relationships between Chinese and foreigners were extremely superficial.

To show the improvement in relations between the West and the East, Ling displayed a second photo featuring a group of Oberlin exchange students in China, this time taken during the year 1989, when students could fully immerse themselves in Chinese culture and befriend Chinese students. Unlike in past years, these exchange students were allowed to mingle with other Chinese students and several had Chinese roommates. As Ling expressed, the environment in 1989 was dramatically different and was one in which "students had a lot of contact with Chinese culture." Students were able to fully engage with the Chinese culture.

Presently, the Chinese state has, as Ling proclaimed, "loosened up;" however, designated foreign living places continue to exist, and if a foreigner wants to live somewhere else they must register at the police station so that the government can monitor them. Ling maintains that it is necessary to "continue to push the envelope" on U.S.-China relations. She explained the difference between the "official" and the "unofficial" China. The unofficial China is represented by those Chinese people who are ready to engage in relations with the United States. There still exists, however, the official China, defined by the government and the tension that has resulted from its political actions regarding foreigners.

This tension continues to impact personal relationships between foreigners and the Chinese people. China continues to have an ambivalent attitude towards America, and in the last few years specific incidents have highlighted and essentially amplified continued tensions (one example is the 1999 incident in which NATO bombed a Chinese Embassy in Belgrade). Ling proclaims that the relationship of the U.S. to China is a "fragile" one and "continues to need con-

IVORY TOWERS

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) -- The European Union is to unveil plans Wednesday for the creation of a rival to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, reflecting fears that academic standards are slipping further behind the United States and risk being overtaken by China and India.

The proposal for a "European Institute of Technology" will be announced by European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and his Education Commissioner Jan Figel. Barroso has said the EIT will "act as a pole of attraction for the very best minds, ideas and companies from around the world."

The need for improvement is shown by an EU report according to which the 25 EU member nations won just 19 percent of Nobel Prizes from 1995-2004 compared to 73 percent from 1901-1950.

However, opinion is divided over whether to create a single new elite university, a network of some of Europe's best existing universities through an EIT coordination center or just an EIT brand that could be awarded to top academic and research centers.

NATIONAL NEWS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) -- A federal judge ordered the Pentagon on Thursday to release the identities of hundreds of detainees at Guantanamo Bay to The Associated Press.

The move would force the government to break its secrecy and reveal the most comprehensive list yet of those who have been imprisoned there.

Some of the hundreds of detainees in the war on terror being held at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been held as long as four years. Only a handful have been officially identified.

U.S. District Judge Jed S. Rakoff in New York ordered the Defense Department to release uncensored transcripts of detainee hearings, which contain the names of detainees in custody and those who have been held and later released. Previously released documents have had identities and other details blacked out.

The judge ordered the government to hand over the documents by March 3 after the Defense Department said Wednesday it would not appeal his earlier ruling in the lawsuit filed by the AP.

WORLD NEWS

MANILA, Philippines (AP) -- The military tried to quash a coup plot Friday, arresting an army general accused of involvement in the plan and urging soldiers not to get involved in demonstrations calling for President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to quit.

Already-tight security was bolstered in the capital. The government canceled rally permits and told schools to call off classes, aiming to keep the opposition from exploiting scheduled demonstrations commemorating the 20th anniversary of the "people power" revolt that ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Arroyo held a pre-dawn emergency meeting of her national security council, said her chief of staff, Mike Defensor.

"The president is in control and is taking steps to avoid trouble," Defensor said, adding that an unspecified number of civilians and military officials had been arrested and eight to 10 more were being sought.

Army chief of staff Gen. Generoso Senga reported that army Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, head of the elite scout rangers, was among those arrested and marine Col. Ariel Querubin was being sought. Senga said the military will remain loyal to the constitution and the democratically elected government.

"We have reduced the threat," he said. "We cannot say that it has been stopped."

Arroyo was briefed on the situation.

"Of course she's concerned," Senga said. "Like a shepherd with her flock, she would not want any part of it to go astray."

Insights & Ideas

Hamilton Student Activism

PART ONE: Kirkland and Hamilton During the Vietnam War

by Victoria Schacht '08
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Hamilton seems to have developed a fear of affecting social change on campus and in the world, or it has plain stopped caring. There appears to have been a concerted lack of large-scale activist involvement on campus in the past few years.

Many students have given up on starting any social or political movements on campus for fear that the campus majority just doesn't care about the issues. This is not, and has never been, the case.

In a several-part series, I will confront and hopefully debunk the notion that Hamilton students cannot and will not work toward social change.

By examining Kirkland and Hamilton's involvement with social justice movements over the years, we can learn how to bring back spirited social activism to campus instead of falling into a complete state of insularity.

In the upcoming weeks I will explore the efforts of students both in decades past and in more recent years to enact social change and increase political involvement. This week I focus on student movements during the Vietnam War era…

A present-day Hamilton student would have hardly recognized College Hill in the sixties and seventies. Sit-ins, teach-ins, hunger strikes and anti-war moratoria happened as a matter of course.

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Hamilton College Students Protest on Village Green in 1970.

Maurice Isserman, William R. Kenan, Jr. professor of history remembers how the resistance counterculture was even visible in student fashion. He explained that any Hamilton/Kirkland yearbook from the early seventies reveals the widespread peace activist "look" even donned by typically conservatively-dressed fraternity presidents.

But clothing doesn't begin to depict the myriad demonstrations students organized to promote peace. In February 1967, Hamilton students participated in a three-day hunger strike in conjunction with thousands of religiously-affiliated people across the country. According to an issue of the *Utica Daily Press* in the Hamilton College Library Archives, at least 50 students agreed to fast and only take in rice and liquids in order to protest the Vietnam War and to raise money for medical supplies for Vietnamese citizens. The students raised money by cashing in their dining hall meal rebates.

Later that year, students moved beyond passive protest tactics and approached the military directly. In November of 1967, students organized a demonstration to keep a U.S. Marine Corps recruiter off the campus. According to a *Utica Daily Press* article in Hamilton's archives, 13 students tried to physically block a recruiter from Syracuse from entering the Bristol building.

When he finally got past the group of Hamilton students blocking his car on the road, the leader of the protest, student Kenneth S. Casanova, delivered a speech about the inhumanity of the war in Vietnam.

He explained that the group did not hold the U.S. soldiers accountable for the war but rather the society that failed to consider the consequences of its actions, a statement eerily reminiscent of many current students' concerns about the war in Iraq.

In May of 1970, Kirkland and Hamilton activists moved beyond Hill activities and brought awareness into the village of Clinton. Students and faculty of both colleges responded to the Kent State student deaths and Nixon's deployment of troops in Cambodia by holding a moratorium on academic classes and leading a peaceful march.

The hundreds of marchers processed through campus, down College Hill, and into Clinton, where they convened at the Village Green were met with both encouragement and resentment.

This demonstration, of course, was not an isolated event. More than 4 million students worldwide marched in the days after the Kent State massacre, but Kirkland and Hamilton, the small colleges they were, did not pass by unnoticed.

In a letter to the parents of Kirkland students, then President Samuel Babbitt explained that during the moratorium, students were "encouraged to make provision for both academic studies and the pressing activities which are directed against the war." Class work deadlines were extended considerably, and some students even opted to be evaluated based on the work they had done earlier in the semester.

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Hamilton student march in 1970.

During the days of Vietnam, many administrators and faculty understood and valued the peace-promoting actions carried out by the students.

During the Vietnam War decade, Hamilton activism was nothing to sneeze at. Current students are just as knowledgeable and passionate about political and social issues, and people on both sides of the political spectrum need to speak up and bring back the concerned, spirited activist presence associated with our age group.

Thumbs up

-Huge Tours on President's Day: Allowing guides to go Bill Clinton on innocent high schoolers

-Hillel at Turning Stone: 1-Uping the Chrisitian Fellowship Pub Night

-Supporting ASB's Auction next Thursday: Good causes and free Tex-Mex!

-Revival of the Pasta Bar in Commons: Starting an Asian-Italian turf war

-Swimmers off dry season: Like shooting fish in a barrel, again

-Banff Film Festival

by Jesse Gaylord '06, Dan Horowitz '06 and Jason Thomas '0?

Thumbs down

-Girls who smoke. If I wanted to hang out with people who smell & taste bad, I'd go to HOC open hours.

-President Stewart lecturing in Palm Beach: If you think her outfit is crazy in Commons, wait till you see her on the beach!

-"If Men could Menstruate" Lecture. Enough said.

-Table Tennis Club cancelled on Wednesday: Crap! How am I ever going to get ass again?!

-New Mac Virus: Spreading faster than unattractiveness in Gamma Xi

-Gym overcrowding before Spring Break: Good luck working off that beer gut in 2 weeks

-Being censored by Spec editors, didn't we [redacted]

Who cares

-Dear Hamilton Helper: I'm not suicidal anymore. Thanks for stopping your column.

-ATX Pledges' White Shirt/Jeans Combo: Great outfit for hiding all of those love stains

-Last weekend's KSA/D-PHI Drink Off: Ending years of sexual frustration

-Focus on Fitness: Going to the gym is good for you?! Who knew?!

-Inviting Ithaca and Rochester's acapella groups: There weren't enough people ignoring you on your own campus?

-Hamilton's new nutritionist: How do I look like those girls in the Sally Struthers' commercials?

The Spectator

If neither you, nor any of your close friends are sick right now, then you're not a Hamilton College student. A sociology professor expressed it best when she said recently, "You all live in a giant petrie dish." Getting sick is a common part of being a college student. We stay up late, we don't eat right, we don't dress appropriately, we're stressed out and we share germs in more ways than is normally acceptable in the real world (a variety of different ways that only college students can). We get sick, we get better over break, and then we come back and get sick again.

But imagine if the College provided us the resources to get better without having to wait until spring break. One excuse that many of us make is that we don't have the time to visit the Health Center, and even if we did there is not usually a doctor there. The idea of providing health services outside of normal work hours is not, in fact, a novel one. Up until fairly recently, the Health Center was open 24 hours, seven days a week. Students were actually able to tend to their schoolwork and still see a health professional all in the same day. Why do we not have this service anymore? Students now struggle to find time in a normal day filled with classes, meetings and other extra-curricular activities, to make an appointment with the Health Center. To make matters worse, a doctor is now only available for consultations on Mondays and Thursdays. If you have other obligations on these days you are out of luck. Also, since the Health Center is closed on weekends, if a student gets sick on Saturday or Sunday their only option is to go to the emergency room. This is costly and time consuming, and an emergency room visit is obviously not necessary to treat common ailments and cold symptoms that the Health Center normally diagnoses and provides prescriptions for. Since drinking increases on the weekends, students are also much more likely to suffer drinking-related injuries on these days of the week. Students who need the morning after pill on the weekends are also now forced to go through the trauma of being shipped to the Utica Hospital emergency instead of being treated in a familiar location on campus by professionals that they know and trust.

Would it be a great budgetary strain to open and staff the Health Center for a few hours each Saturday and Sunday to accommodate the needs of students? And as opposed to remaining open the entire day when students are busy with classes, the Heath Center could structure their schedule more around student life on campus, those people they exist to ensure the health of. Why not close the Health Center for a few hours in the morning or afternoon and reopen later in the evening when students are more available? Also, hiring a doctor to be more readily available on different days of the week as well as for weekend hours would be greatly beneficial to students.

The entire Hamilton community would benefit from an increased availability of the Health Center; healthy students have the ability to work harder and be more involved with their activities both inside and out of classes.

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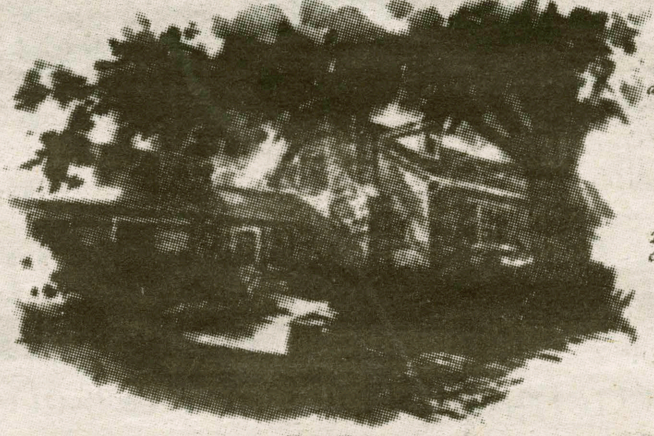

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Types of Prospective Students

by Rebecca Griffin '09
Insights & Ideas Writer

Remember back when you were still in high school? Back to the days when you were a prospective student.

For some of us several years of drinking have completely removed those memories, for others the stress and horror of being a prospective student lives on.

I can remember clearly visiting school after school and waiting for my letter from Hamilton to come.

As I watch the huge tour groups being lead around campus this week, I can't help but recall what it really meant to be a prospective Hamilton student.

Delusional Day Trippers

Of course there are those kids that aren't really what we'd call prospective students; they're more like delusional day trippers.

They're delusional because they won't get in and day trippers because they won't be back. They come once, apply and are shocked when they get rejected.

These kids take the campus tour for two reasons: free pens, and they have parents whose expectations are too high. These kids can be spotted in the group because they're on a cell phone while their over-eager parents take notes.

Occasionally they'll pay attention long enough to ask something about "the overall hotness of the campus" and receive complete silence and awkward looks from the rest of the group.

They also have pens from about fifteen different colleges on them at any time. The same pens that they'll use to fill out their applications to local state schools. Sorry.

I Heart Hamilton

Then there are the complete opposite of these kids, the ones that already know that they're going to get into Hamilton, know all about Hamilton, yet come on the tour five or six times just to be sure they know absolutely everything there is to know.

They can often be found wearing a Hamilton sweatshirt, with a Hamilton pendant in their hands, as they walk to their car plastered in Hamilton bumper stickers, commenting about how they liked the tour guide from the fourth tour better.

These kids can be picked out of a prospective group when you pass their tour and overhear them correcting a tour guide about exactly when Root Hall was built.

Completely Lost

Finally there is the kid that is completely lost. Not only do they not know where they're going to apply to school, where they can get in, but they are often actually lost.

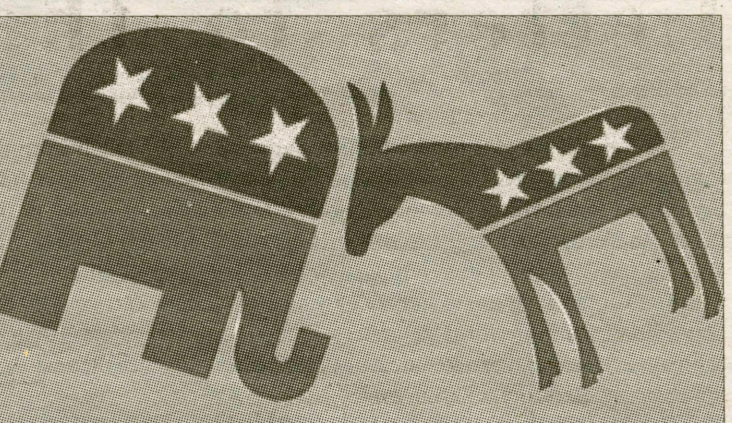
I've encountered several prospective students since I got here that simply wandered away from the pack.

It's easy to get lost when you're stressed so I don't mind simply sending them back to Admissions.

It's when they think that I'm their tour guide that I know there is a problem.

I've actually hosted a couple of prospective students now and met some of the others that my friends have hosted. They're usually really nice, a little overwhelmed, but we all were when it came time to fill out form after form and write essays about "Why we'd be a beneficial addition to the college community."

Needless to say, I'm glad I'm no longer a prospective and when I see those kids in a tour group heading for Commons I smile and secretly think "Ha Ha suckers, I'm already in."



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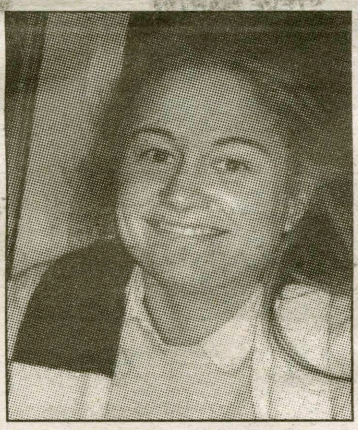
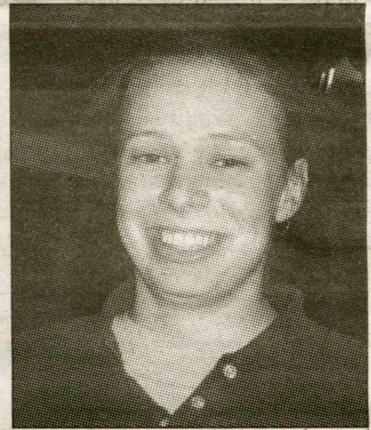


"Women's singles figure skating, so I could pull off triple axles."
~ Laura Barry '08

"Bobsledding, because I love that movie 'Cool Runnings.'"
~ Laura Blair '09

"Curling, because I know nothing about it."
~ James McConnell '07

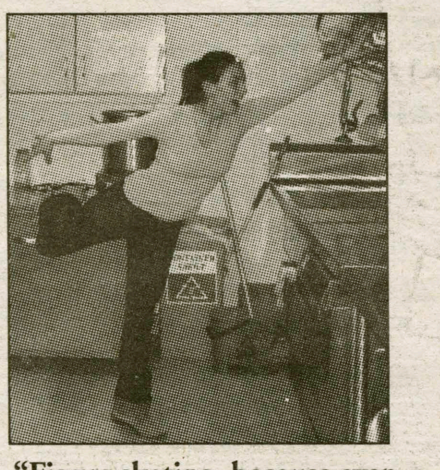


"Luge, because all you do is lie back and enjoy the ride."
~ Jamie Coady '07

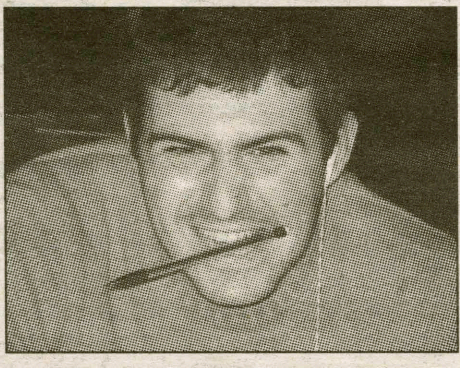
Hamilton Unscripted

This week's question:
If you could participate in the winter olympics, which sport would you choose and why?

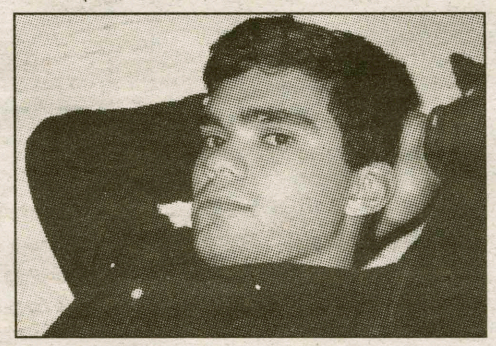
by Michelle Butler '06 & Eric Kuhn '09



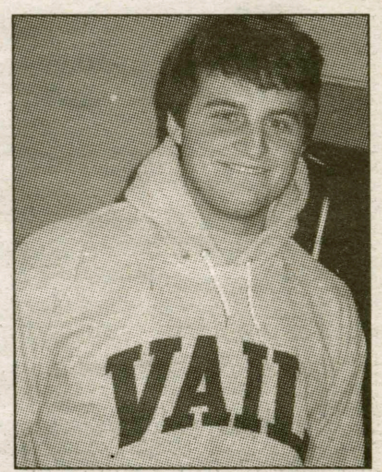
"Figure skating, because even if you break your legs you can still be famous."
~ Gabriela Ghimis '08



"Moguls, because Jeremy Bloom is the f*ing man."**
~ Mike Daley '07



"Anything that Bode Miller is in, because I like to ski drunk."
~ Ross Glynn '07



"Moguls, because that's what I do."
~ Clark Winter '07

Letters to the Editor

To the Editors of the Spectator:

We are writing in response to Caitlin Rochford's article "Speaker to celebrate Black History Month at Hamilton" published on February 10, 2006. We found it disturbing that the Spectator would write an article about an event that was not even finalized at the time of publication and discussed the funding and logistics of bringing the proposed speaker. The Spectator would become quite a lengthy publication if it began publishing articles about every proposed speaker by every organization on campus. Unfortunately, this article was problematic beyond the fact that it was unnecessary.

A large part of the article focused not on the life and work Frederika Newton but on the actions of her late husband, Huey P. Newton. As the founder of the Black Panther Party, Newton's effect on history is undeniable. However, unless he was to rise from the dead, he would not be the person addressing the campus. The article should have focused on Frederika Newton, instead of silencing her by focusing her husband and his "alleged" criminal activities before she met him.

Perhaps the most problematic part of the central focus on Huey P. Newton was the fact that there was only reference to his criminal offenses. There are many facets of Newton's life which should have been mentioned, such as how he taught himself to read more than just simple words as high school student, how he helped introduce the first black history course at Oakland City College, or how after the manslaughter charges were dropped against him, Newton overhauled the Black Panthers to focus on "a free breakfast program for children, sickle-cell anemia tests, free food and shoes, and a school." All of these facts were taken from the Biography Resource Center, which was the same source cited in the article. As for the Black Panthers, there was only a discussion of them as progenitors of violence. This description only serves to perpetuate the stereotype of black men as angry violent criminals.

The article also only presented views from students against Newton's speech to the campus, specifically the views of Ben Noble '08 and Kyle Graham '06. Why were these two men approached for their opinions? On what grounds do these men have the legitimacy to judge the actions of the Black Student Union? Apparently, Noble was approached due to his status as the president of the Hamilton College Republicans. Does the Spectator make it practice to ask the leaders of organizations to comment on each others speakers? If so, the co-directors of the Intercultural Women's Empowerment Series look forward to commenting on the next proposed speaker of the HC Repubicans. As for Graham, what are his qualifications, beyond being a member of the Class of 2006 and an avid user of Google searches, to doubt the ability of Newton to "shed light upon contemporary race issues?" While we understand the value of hearing opinions of students, we believe that the Spectator ought to present us with a more balanced view through a diversity of perspectives from different students. We find it strange that the Spectator decided to ask two white male students to determine the "appropriateness" of bringing up a black female speaker without ALSO asking some students of colour who are not members of the Black Student Union how they felt about it.

We hope that this article was not published with the intent of stymieing the efforts to bring speakers, especially people of color, to campus whose thoughts differ from the majority of the campus community. After all, isn't the point of a liberal arts education to encounter such worldviews? Perhaps, this interpretation of intellectual advancement has become "irresponsible," as well.

Sincerely,

The Co-Directors of the Intercultural Women's Empowerment Series

Sarah Griffith '06, Latoya Malcolm '06, Danielle Roper '06, Wangechi Thuo '06, Renny Usbay '06, Elaine Martinez '07, Grace Dobbyn '08, Johanna Sanchez '08

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Elizabeth Holland's letter in last week's Spectator. Hamilton's self-initiated inquiry, a requirement of our membership in the NCAA, was fair, thorough and conducted with the intent of protecting the best interests of the students involved. To claim otherwise, especially when the College has evidence to contradict such assertions, is at best disingenuous. Any suggestion that the College and its representatives acted inappropriately and were motivated by anything other than truthful reporting is inconsistent with the facts of the situation.

Sincerely,
Mike Debraggio
Executive Director of Communications

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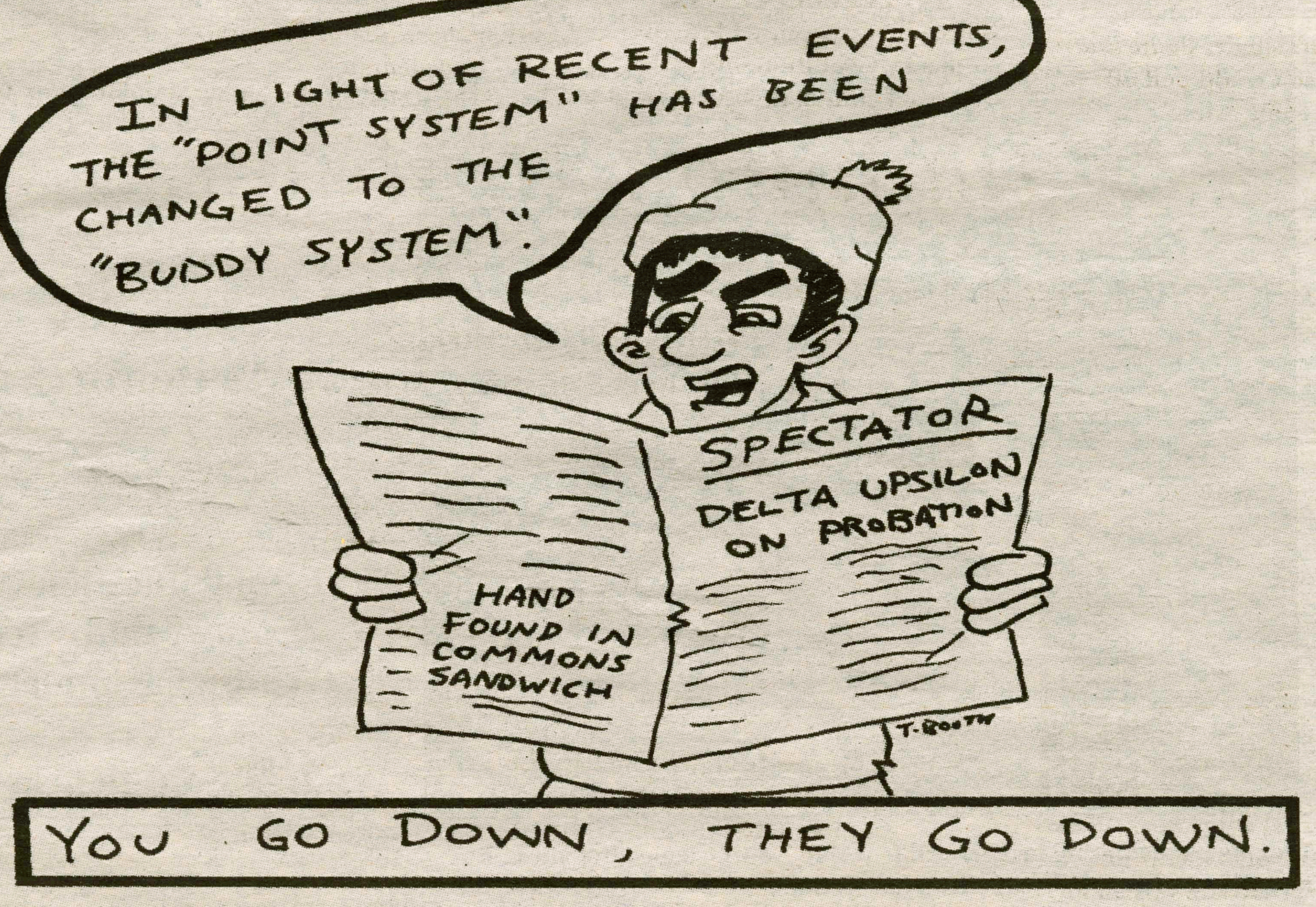
by Tom Booth '06



Alternative Spring Break auction and program

by Liz Ursell '09
FEATURES WRITER

With spring break a mere two weeks away, most students anticipate taking an exciting road trip or visiting old friends. The volunteers for Alternative Spring Break (ASB), however, will travel to what is currently one of the most devastated areas in the U.S.: the region affected by Hurricane Katrina. 66 students will drive down to New Orleans, Bogalusa and Baton Rouge, Louisiana as well as Biloxi, Mississippi.

This year, there are more students than ever before interested in the project, with an agenda that differs greatly from ASB trips in years past.

Although the news ceased coverage of the Katrina recovery effort a while ago, the New Orleans region continues its relief efforts. Currently, New Orleans and other cities in close proximity have reopened several local schools, restaurants and businesses, but many more residents are still in programs such as Operation Blue Roof, which provides temporary roofs to buildings with 50 percent or less total damage. Unfortunately, many buildings' destruction exceeded this percentage, requiring complete reconstruction. With such a crisis still at hand, ASB decided to alter its trip this year to help those who desperately need it.

ASB began to recruit its volunteers before winter break, advertising itself as a trip that, unlike sunbathing in Cancun or Florida, will leave students feeling a sense of accomplishment. Application for ASB required a brief summary of previous volunteer experience and an explanation as to why the student wishes to become involved. The student then decides if he or she wishes to participate in projects relating to outreach, the environment or construction.

Typically, these students travel to areas such as North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and other southern regions for various volunteer projects. They work through programs with the Nature Conservancy, Habitat for Humanity or the Cumberland Trail. Participants split into different teams of 9 to 11 students per van. This year, the trip will cover an even greater distance than usual. Projects will mainly include cleaning out structures and building repair or reconstruction. A trip led by Sharon Hakim '06 will aid displaced families, while Dan Nelson '06 will be in charge of a group rebuilding a children's center. Hakim and Nelson are co-coordinators of ASB; other members of the executive board are Katherine Kenney '08, Maura Kernan '08 and Samir Majmudar '06.

In addition to the distance of the trip nearly doubling, funds for gas, food, hotels, and transportation raise the total price of the trip from the usual $15,000 to $21,000. To offset these costs, ASB requires a $125 fee from each participant and relies on fundraising to supply the rest. Proceeds from events such as Febfest's Dating Auction go toward the trip. ASB's main fundraising event, however, is their annual Silent Auction.

This year's Silent Auction will be held on Thursday, March 2 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Students and residents of Clinton may come into the Annex at any time and bid on items. The auction begins with smaller items such as homemade crafts, gift baskets, and baked goods. At 6:30 p.m., ASB will begin to auction off larger items. These include many options that should initiate competitive bidding. One of the unique items in the auction is a sea kayaking trip led by Andrew Jillings, the director of Adventure Programs. Jillings will take students down to the Everglades for an exhilarating 100 mile course through the "Wilderness Waterway." Those who are less outdoorsy can bid on a weekend's stay in a master suite at Hotel Utica, or a full course meal for six (prepared by Chaplain Jeff McArn). In addition, ASB plans to auction off front row tickets to this spring's commencement ceremony, and a gift certificate to take ten friends out for some delectable Tex Mex. Students may also bid on a round-trip, U.S. Air airline ticket to anywhere in the continental United States.

Raffle tickets can be purchased in Beinecke, Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., or at the auction. Tickets are $1 apiece, or 6 for $5. Students involved in the trip are hoping for an enthusiastic response from the Hamilton student body. Contact coordinators Dan Nelson at dnelson@hamilton.edu (ext. 2786) or Sharon Hakim at shakim@hamilton.edu (ext. 2621) for further information. Happy bidding!

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Hamilton students participating in ASB will travel to New Orleans, Bogalusa, Baton Rouge and Biloxi to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.

Sudoku puzzle of the week

by Evelyn Shapiro '06
FEATURES WRITER

Hundreds of newspapers around the world have been publishing daily Sudoku puzzles that push people to use logic and reasoning skills. People from all over have found themselves addicted to Sudoku and countless websites are now devoted to the subject.

The Sudoku puzzles that have taken the world by storm started in Japan, as a form of crosswords. *Su* means "number" in Japanese and *doku* means "bachelor" or "single," so loosely translated, Sudoku means "single number."

The rules of the game are easy. One must place the digits 1 through 9 in the cells of the puzzles so that each digit appears only once in each square, row and column.

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Know the facts about the F.I.L.M. Series

And its attempt to bring quality cinema to Hamilton college

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
FEATURES WRITER

The F.I.L.M. (Forum for Image & Language in Motion) program is one of the most exciting lecture series on campus, but it is often overlooked. The program features weekly lectures by a variety of notable film scholars who speak on topics ranging from dance in the context of film, to documentaries illustrating the effects of news reporting on both sides of the current war in Iraq. Of course, each lecture features a film or several films, which provides not only an educational experience, but also an enjoyable movie going experience for those who choose to attend. After all, what better way is there to spend a Sunday afternoon than sitting in KJ Auditorium relaxing and taking in a new film that you have never seen before?

The concept of F.I.L.M. was first conceived four years ago, when members of the Hamilton faculty from several disciplines exhibited an interest in having film play a greater role in education at the college. Many thought that introducing a film program would help revive an interest in the humanities, an area of academia that had been wavering in popularity, as well as increase the breadth of the coursework offered at Hamilton.

The program director and Visiting Professor or Art History Scott Macdonald believes that the program is so effective because film is becoming an essential part of the liberal arts. "They [the guest speakers] are a window on to the outer world, other sectors of society and academia. Accomplished people from the real world can come show contributions," Macdonald says. He also points out the interdisciplinary nature of film and how as a "cross disciplinary program" it can "create intellectual space where film can draw people of diverse interests together." For example, one upcoming F.I.L.M. lecturer, Gregg Mitman, will present both his film on animal conservation in KJ, and give a biology lecture in the Science Center. The relationship between biology and film might sound unlikely, but with an area of study like film that can cover such a wide range of topics, it is not difficult to discover such interdisciplinary uses.

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When choosing the semester's F.I.L.M. lecturers, Macdonald has made sure to choose the most intriguing people and topics possible that will cover the most areas of interest and attract the most attendees. The response to the program has generally been positive, and many of the lecturers were impressed by the intelligence and energy of the Hamilton student body. A recent lecture with famous film scholar Tom Gunning drew an audience of around 150, an impressive number for an academic event. Students and faculty have been paying attention to the program, but there is always room for improvement.

This weekend, a film by former merchant marine Peter Hutton, entitled "Landscapes of the Sea," will be featured. This work-in-progress has been praised for its gorgeous cinematography and images of the outdoors. Hutton himself is a seasoned independent filmmaker who has served as a mentor to other illustrious filmmakers like documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. Politically minded students will be happy to hear that on April 2, filmmaker Jehane Noujaim will be presenting *The Control Room*, a documentary based on her experiences working at Al Jazeera. Her film compares the responses of Iraqi and American media to the outbreak of war from a media insider's perspective. The greatest advantage of the F.I.L.M series is that it features lectures that everyone and anyone can enjoy. News about upcoming F.I.L.M. programs is readily available to students and faculty, via postings around campus or F.I.L.M. brochures. For further information contact Professor Macdonald at smacdona@hamilton.edu.

Editor's Note: please see the side table for more information about upcoming F.I.L.M. events. Thank you!

Upcoming F.I.L.M.s

2/26 - Peter Hutton presents "Landscapes of the Sea"

3/5 - "Darwin's Nightmare" by Shubert Sauper

3/6 - Stan Brakhage, 1: "Re-learning to See"

4/2 - Jehane Noujaim presents "The Control Room"

4/9 - Chuck Workman presents "Precious Images"

4/10 - Stan Brakhage 2: "light and Light"

4/11 - "Salaam Bombay" by Mira Nair

4/16 - Mira Nair presents "Monsoon Wedding"

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Last day to declare leave of absence for '06/'07	Theater Judging Workshop (10:00-12:00)	Newman Mass (1:00-2:00)	HOC Open Hours (7:00-9:00)	Newman Mass (12:00-1:00)	Ash Wednesday	ASB "Not-So-Silent" Auction (8:00-8:00)
Think Tank with Prof. Chambliss (12:00-1:00)	Culinary Class (11:00-2:00)	F.I.L.M. Series: Peter Hutton presents "Landscapes of the Sea" (2:00-3:30)	Personal Financial Skills Workshop (7:30-8:30)	Resume Workshop (12:00-12:30)	Ash Wednesday Mass (12:00-1:00)	Interviewing Skills Workshop (12:00-1:00)
Chemistry Seminar (3:00-4:30)	Black History Art/Cultural Exhibition (12:00-5:00)	West Indian African Association Meeting (2:00-3:00)	Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers (8:00-9:30)	CACC Meeting (3:00-4:00)	C.A.B. Meeting (7:00-8:00)	NESCAC College Luncheon Series (12:00-2:00)
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BSU Meeting (5:00-6:00)	CAB Concert: Matchbook Romance (8:00-10:00)			Womyn's Center Meeting (7:00-8:00)	Rainbow Alliance Meeting (9:00-10:00)	Dr. Neil Irvin Painter Lecture (4:10-7:00)
Cyrus Chestnut Jazz (8:00-10:00)	Faculty Recital: Reynard-Payen, Cello (8:00-9:30)			Black Empowerment Day: March and Speaker (7:30-10:00)		Acoustic Coffeehouse: Michelle Malone and Gregory Douglass (8:00-11:00)
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Focus on Fitness: Spring Break, bikini shape

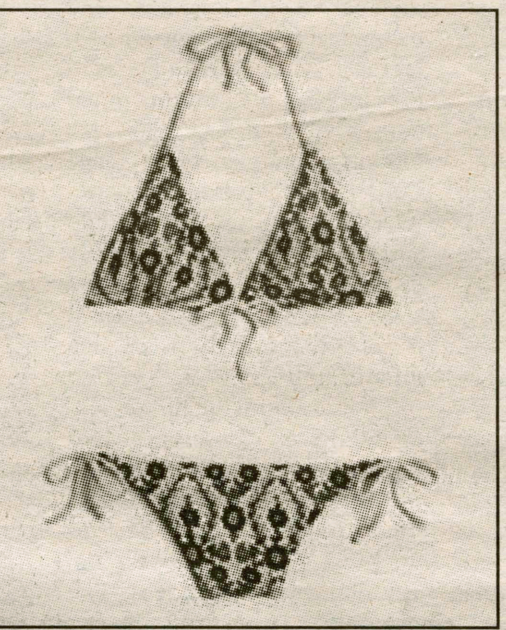
by Michelle Butler '06
FEATURES WRITER

Every February during my time at Hamilton, I have overheard multiple conversations about spring break, but they are not the kind of conversations you would normally think of. For example, for people who are fleeing towards warmer climates, most of them would discuss where they are staying, their itineraries, who shall be accompanying them, etc. However, much of what I hear is: "OMG! I have to get into bikini shape! I better start going to the gym." Note to the gentlemen: I know you don't wear bikinis or talk like this, or at least most of you don't, but I do see more of you pumping iron during this month.

I wish I could say that I personally don't care how my body will look squeezed into a bathing suit, and that the stress over bikini appearance is ridiculous. I've always been my own toughest critic. Yet over the years I've had some nice slaps of reality to the face, and currently continue to develop an increasingly positive attitude about my body. No one is physically perfect, so how can I expect myself to be?

Rather than form total anxiety over what people will think when we expose our pale stomachs to the world this March, I think we should just continue to take good care of ourselves as we always should. If you drink every single night this week, while incessantly smoking and popping caffeine pills, or if you sit on your butt and watch TV all day while stuffing your face with pizza and Chinese food, chances are you lack in the self-love department. You may wonder why you don't feel good about yourself; perhaps it is time to make some changes and research into healthier habits, whether or not there is a beach in the near future for you.

I highly recommend that, even in extreme desperation and anxiety, you DO NOT pick up a fitness magazine as a sure immediate path to a toned body. There are so many magazines that advertise exercises you can do in just five minutes a day that will give you the body of your dreams, and in only four weeks. Of course workout titles such as "8 Minutes in the Morning" and "Shed Fat Faster!" are appealing to Americans, because we always need instant gratification: we want more in a small amount of time. If you pick up one of those magazines, hoping to blast away belly fat or love handles in just a couple weeks, I can honestly tell you that it's not likely to happen, unless of course you decide to pick up some steroids, but that is a whole separate issue for another day...



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With spring break just around the corner, students are buisly trying to tone up their bodies.

Not that I encourage you to fixate on this, but if you really want to look better in your bathing suit, again, the sitting-on-your-butt-all-day lifestyle = not so good. And the magazine methods are unrealistic. So here's the compromise: You need a MINIMUM of twenty minutes of cardiovascular exercise per day to keep your heart healthy and to sustain joint mobility. So gradually incorporate aerobic activity into your day by walking across campus to see a friend rather than talking to them online. Grab a group of friends and go bowling or sledding. Even the slightest increase in physical activity can help you to feel happier and healthier, and will increase your fitness level and longevity.

Weight training two or three times a week is also important to maintain and build muscle strength, which degenerates as we age. So if you're feeling motivated, stroll on over to the gym and test out the weight machines. The machines are better for those who are inexperienced lifters, because they control your range of motion, thus preventing you from contorting your body in a way that could damage your joints. Pick a couple of your favorites, and start with one or two sets of low weights, particularly if you have never lifted before.

For those of you who already go to the gym, suddenly adding thirty minutes to your cardio or twenty pounds to your weights will undoubtedly cause extreme soreness or injury. The last thing you want to do is strain or sprain something right before vacation, and be forced to sit out on water sports, hiking or shaking your booty at the dance clubs. Just continue faithfully following your normal routine, eat sensibly and drink large amounts of water, which is something everyone should do regardless of their fitness level.

Lastly, because most college students consume large amounts of alcohol on their insane spring break trips, it would be best to avoid excessive consumption during these weeks preceding break, and thus reduce the damage to your liver. You can still have a great time with your friends without getting trashed all weekend long. And remember, it really doesn't matter what you'll look like in your bathing suit, because your friends love you regardless of your appearance, and I guarantee you shall have the time of your lives together while on spring break.

Maloney speaks to Hamilton College Democrats

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"is very good for what I like to do and what I do well. I have the power to affect change in that position."

Maloney also spoke about the current faults he finds in the Democratic Party; stressing the amount of lost elections in the past decades. He explained his feelings about how "Republicans have been driving while Democrats are riding" saying, "we need to stop being about objections and more about ideas. We have become satisfied with being right instead of being in power."

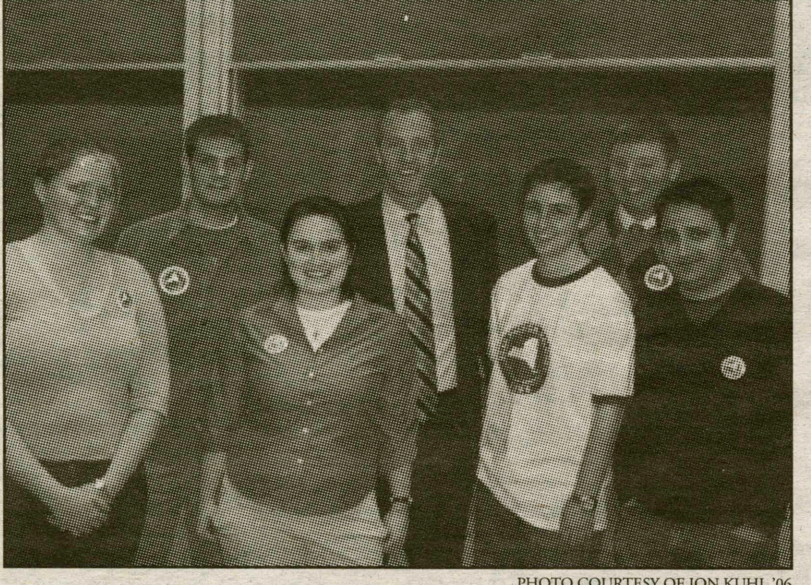
Maloney feels that the current administration has negatively affected the lives of millions of people. He wants to stop what is happening and move in a positive direction. As Attorney General, he hopes to push back conservatism in Washington.

The candidate also expressed how he thinks more trust needs to be established with current voters. Voters, he feels, don't trust the government with their money. While most Americans support the ideas of better Education and Healthcare, most voters don't trust the government to accomplish these things with their money. However, he pointed out, these same voters were very likely to trust the business leaders of corporations in which they invest, with their money. This trust exists in the private but not in the public sector. Maloney stated, "People have got to believe that acting collectively we can make the world better."

After Maloney finished speaking, he opened up the floor to questions and discussion. He constantly turned questions around to the audience repeatedly asking what they thought of certain subjects along with giving his reactions and opinions.

One of the subjects discussed by the group was how Maloney was going to win an election for the entire state of New York as a gay, liberal from the city. When the question was asked Maloney responded jokingly, raising his hands screaming "I'm a gay liberal! Wait, that won't win me the race? We're going to have to rethink our campaign strategy."

Maloney repeatedly stressed that he wanted to win because he was the most qualified and the best candidate, not because he was the gay candidate. He told the students that "we are living in a Brokeback world," comparing the movie, "Brokeback Mountain," to his campaign. He felt that the movie had universal appeal as a love story with the frame of gay lovers. He linked this to his campaign because he believes in universal good and getting his job done; this just happens to be coming from a gay candidate.



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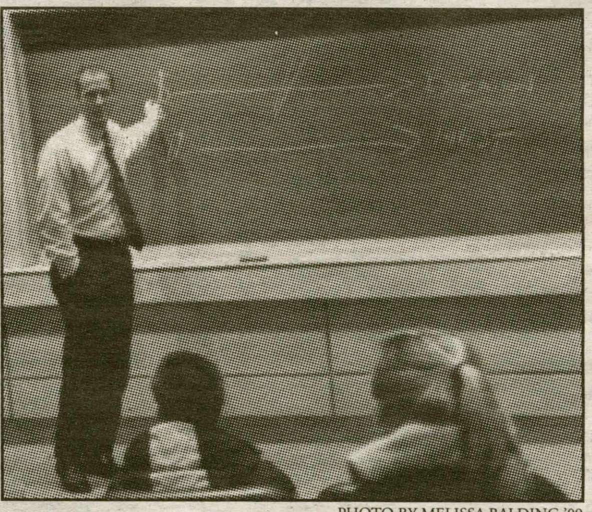
Maloney poses with Hamilton Democrats (from left to right) Grace Dobbyn, Jon Kuhl, Caroline O'Shea, Eric Kuhn, Alex Taddei and Dan Bleeker.

He also feels that because he comes from a small town in New Hampshire he can adequately understand and act in favor of the less metropolitan areas of New York State. He even pledged, "to be in all 62 counties every year."

Another issue that arose during the discussion was what Maloney would do if an issue, like gay marriage, came up that he might agree with but is clearly against New York Law. Maloney responded by saying, "If your personal views conflict with state law then you have to do your job."

Inclosing, Maloney made some remarks about the current face of politics and the upcoming generation, saying, "It's the responsibility of politicians to do something interesting and something inspiring so people will follow them. Politicians need to say something. I am not giving up and I don't want you to either. Your generation will deal with more change than any human beings in history... you determine whether that change will be good or bad. So I hope you get involved."



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Maloney demonstrates that people are unwilling to invest money into education.

After the discussion, members of the College Democrats filtered into the hallway where they had pizza with their guest speaker. Students stood and talked with Maloney more about his campaign and political experience.

Maloney also appeared this week on WHCL's Kuhn And Company, along with one of his opponents, Mark Green.

For more information about Maloney or getting involved in his campaign, he encourages students to check out his website: www.seanmaloney.com.

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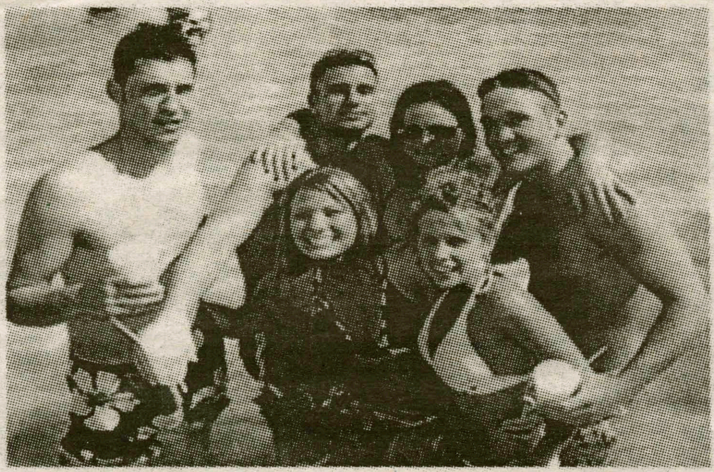

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IMF's Gogol Bordello concert is raucous and fun

By Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

If you missed the IMF show on Saturday, February 18, you missed probably one of the most lively, energetic and raucous concerts ever held in the Annex. If you don't like having a great time, then this show was not for you, but otherwise, Gogol Bordello was one of the most fun concerts I have ever been to.

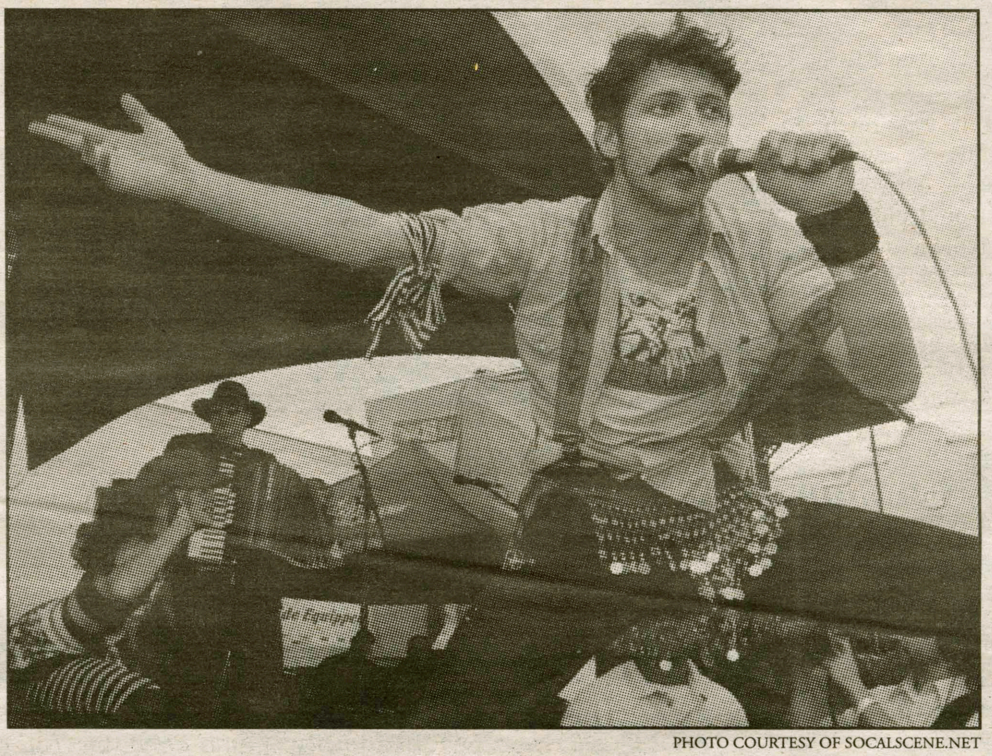
The evening opened in a very lackluster fashion, the doors opened late and the concert started the traditional hour and a half late that all IMF shows start. Punctuality doesn't seem to be a huge concern, but that's okay.

At least half of the audience was definitely not Hamiltonian, but nonetheless, everyone had a good time. The opening band, The MGMT, was a three-piece band from Wesleyan. I was appalled by the fact that the lead singer thought that wearing skin-tight, lime-green jeans was appropriate, when in fact it just revealed that he had ridiculously skinny legs. Unfortunately, the drummer made the same poor decision of wearing jeans that could have been mistaken for spandex and revealed his stick-like legs. Overall, I was not impressed by The MGMT. Many of their songs sounded like what Modest Mouse would have sounded like if they were a trio of adolescent boys. They weren't really anything memorable, but Gogol Bordello certainly made up for what the opening band severely lacked.

Hailed by *The New Yorker* as "...a joint gig between a Gyspy wedding band, the Sex Pistols, the Jamaican dub impresario King Tubby, and Kraftwerk," and by *Alternative Press* as "...the United Nations assembled into a mosh pit," Gogol Bordello's music was a surprisingly pleasing mish-mosh of punk rock, hip hop, Ukranian folk music and techno dance music. It is nearly impossible to not get swept away by the pure energy that is the music of Gogol Bordello.

Self-proclaimed "Gypsy Punks," Gogol Bordello is a Ukrainian/Russian/Israeli/American octet originating from Manhattan. The span of their instrumentation goes from standard guitars and drums to accordions, violins and chains. Although it was difficult to understand many of their words due to accents or the fact that they probably weren't speaking English, the audience was still caught up in the beat of the music and the implied meanings of the words.

Of course, some people came to the concert dressed completely in purple for the band's signature song, "Start Wearing Purple." The lead singer, Eugene Hütz, introduced the song (well-known by anyone who's ever heard anything about the band) "This is the song that everyone takes their shirt off for!" he said, before crashing head-first into the tsunami wave that the rhythm had created. There was much involvement of the audience in the party that the concert became. There was moshing and crowd surfing, as well as singing into the microphone the lead singer held out over the audience, as well as speaker-climbing/dancing by the band and audience alike.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Gogol Bordello's performance at Hamilton was very popular.

Hütz, who has to have the single most amazing moustache ever known to mankind and had to have weighed around 100 pounds, concluded the night by crowd surfing on a drum that one of his fellow band mates had thrown out onto the crowd. By this time, about three-quarters of the audience had made its way onto the stage and were rocking out with the band, dancing and sharing massive amounts of energy with the band and vice versa.

The entire show was like a large, frenzied, raucous festival that didn't want to stop, despite fatigue, dehydration and a fifteen to twenty minute encore.

Gogol Bordello is definitely a band that everyone should check out. To learn more about them, go to www.gogolbordello.com, where you can get their new CD, "Gypsy Punks: Under World Strike" available from Side One Dummy. And remember, start wearing purple.

Everybody loves Madonna

By Nonny Chizea '08
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Birth name: Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone.
Alias: "Queen of Pop" and "Queen Madge."
Kabbalah name: "Esther."
D.O.B.: August 16, 1958.
Place of Birth: Bay City, Michigan, USA.
Height: 5'4."
Married to: Guy Ritchie, December 2000 to the present.
Children: Lourdes and Rocco.
Occupation: Dancer, Songwriter, Producer, Actress, Author, Mother and Director.
Fun Fact: Gwen Stefani is a distant cousin of Madonna. Her great-aunt's mother-in-law shares the last name with Madonna.

"Time goes by so slowly." This is obviously true in the case of Madonna as she has not aged a cinch since she jumped into our hearts in the '80s. The wife of British filmmaker and director Guy Ritchie and mother of Lourdes aged nine (from a previous marriage) and Rocco aged four has done it again with the release of her tenth album, "Confessions on a Dance Floor." The album debuted at number one in 38 different countries!

Queen Madge, (as she is referred to in the United Kingdom) rocketed to stardom so quickly in 1984 that it obscured most of her musical virtues. Appreciating her music became more difficult as discussions of her lifestyle overshadowed most of her talents. However, her majesty's greatest achievement is how she manipulated the media and public with her music, her videos, her publicity and her sexuality. Arguably, Madonna was the first female pop star to have complete control of her music and image.

Madonna moved from her native Michigan to New York in 1977, with dreams of becoming a ballet dancer. As they say, the rest is history! Madonna went on to have hits like "Holiday," "Like a Virgin," "Vogue," "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" (for which she received an Oscar for Best Original Song from a film), "Hollywood," and more recently, "Hung Up."

She studied with choreographer Alvin Ailey and modeled as well. In 1979, she became part of the Patrick Hernandez Revue, a disco outfit who had the hit "Born to Be Alive." She traveled to Paris with Hernandez and it was there that she met Dan Gilroy, who would soon become her boyfriend. Upon returning to New York, the pair formed "The Breakfast Club," a pop/dance group. Madonna originally played drums for the band, but she soon became the lead singer. In 1980, she left the band and formed "Emmy" with her former boyfriend, drummer Stephen Bray. Soon, Bray and Madonna broke off from the group and began working on some dance/disco-oriented tracks.

The Queen of Pop has just released the second single, "Sorry," from her new album which you can hear on WHCL 88.7FM's "Sugar My Spice" on Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.! Additionally, she is lending her voice for the role of Princess Selenia to the big budget 2006 animated film "Arthur and the Minimoys," which also stars Snoop Dogg as the voice of Max and David Bowie as the voice of Maltazard.

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Madonna is great, even at 48.

Finally, during an interview on the "Ellen DeGeneres Show" on February 8, Madonna confirmed that she is going on tour this summer to promote "Confessions on the Dance Floor." She said "I cannot keep it a secret anymore. I am going on tour this summer. Are you ready?" (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madonna_(entertainer)).

Costumes for her tour will be designed by acclaimed French fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier, who was also responsible for her infamous conical bra. So for an unforgettable night on the dance floor this summer, hit the box offices and purchase tickets to see this 48 year-old mother of two boogie down like it's 1974!

Song Charts: 1985

By Katherine A. Jurras '06
Arts & Entertainment Writer

1. "And We Danced" - Hooters
2. "The Search is Over" - Survivor
3. "All You Zombies" - Hooters
4. "High on You" - Survivor
5. "Careless Whisper" - Wham!
6. "Never Surrender" - Corey Hart
7. "Broken Wings" - Mr. Mister
8. "Centerfield" - John Fogerty
9. "Take on Me" - a-ha
10. "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" - Tears for Fears
11. "Relax" - Frankie Goes to Hollywood
12. "Alone Again" - Dokken
13. "Shout" - Tears for Fears
14. "Too Late for Goodbye" - Julian Lennon
15. "Summer of '69" - Bryan Adams
16. "Never" - Heart
17. "Crazy for You" - Madonna
18. "Turn Up the Radio" - Autograph
19. "Don't You (Forget About Me)" - Simple Minds
20. "California Girls" - David Lee Roth
21. "Lay it Down" - Ratt
22. "Small Town" - John Cougar Mellencamp
23. "You're in Love" - Ratt
24. "You Belong to the City" - Glenn Frey
25. "Material Girl" - Madonna
26. "Say it Isn't So" - The Outfield
27. "You Spin Me Round (Like a Record)" - Dead or Alive
28. "Foolish Heart" - Steve Perry
29. "Life in One Day" - Howard Jones
30. "People are People" - Depeche Mode
31. "Voices Carry" - 'til Tuesday
32. "What About Love?" - Heart
33. "Small Town Boy" - Bronski Beat
34. "Sentimental Street" - Night Ranger
35. "Lonely 'Ol Night" - John Cougar Mellencamp
36. "Smokin' in the Boys Room" - Motley Crue
37. "Only Lonely" - Bon Jovi
38. "I Want to Know What Love Is" - Foreigner
39. "Private Dancer" - Tina Turner
40. "Heaven" - Bryan Adams
41. "Can't Fight This Feeling" - R.E.O. Speedwagon
42. "Just a Gigolo/I Ain't Got Nobody" - David Lee Roth
43. "Raspberry Beret" - Prince & The Revolution
44. "St. Elmo's Fire (Man in Motion)" - John Parr
45. "We Don't Need Another Hero" - Tina Turner
46. "Home Sweet Home" - Motley Crue
47. "I Drink Alone" - George Thorogood & The Destroyers
48. "Walking on Sunshine" - Katrina and the Waves
49. "Everything She Wants" - Wham
50. "Only the Young" - Journey

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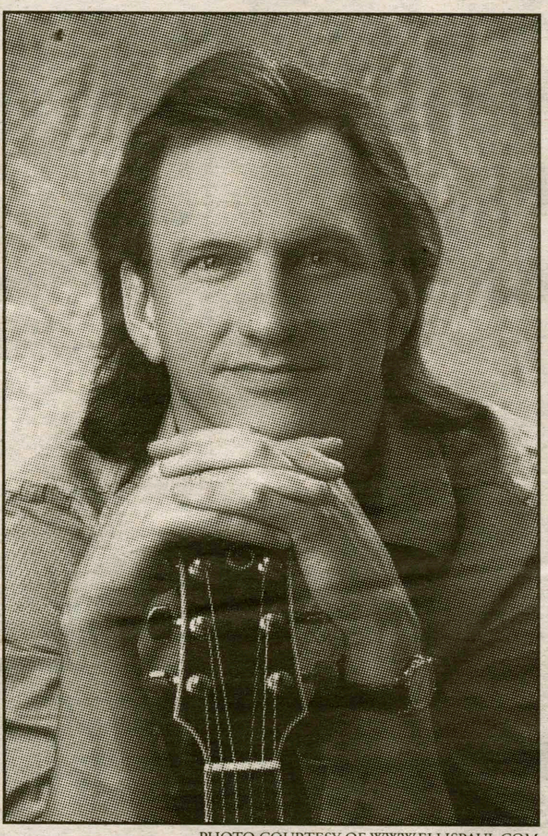
Ellis & Antje: Um, they're just really great

By Nicole Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Hamilton College hosted Ellis Paul and Antje Duvekot on Thursday, February 16, an Acoustic Coffeehouse sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. The evening started off with opener, and Ellis Paul's favorite new singer/songwriter, Antje Duvekot.

Originally from Heidelberg, Germany, Duvekot has been creating a strong fan base in the New England area by touring with acts such as Ellis Paul. Her music is fresh and vulnerable and as she said during her performance, "Most of my songs are either about boys or religion." What adds to her great songwriting capability is that she is seeing much of what she is writing about through the eyes of her own culture, which gives us as listeners a different perspective.

On Duvekot's website (www.antjeduvekot.com) Ellis Paul is quoted saying that: "Antje Duvekot is Boston's next great songwriter... my favorite new poet… the rare artist that can write about the social and the personal in the same breath. She is as understated as she is wise and her songs go down mentally as well as soulfully." Duvekot has released two live/studio combination records, "Little Peppermints" and "Boys, Flowers, Miles."



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Ellis Paul is one of Boston's best artists.

Personally, I loved Antje Duvekot. It honestly takes a lot for me to say that I truly like a female singer/songwriter because I often feel that they are missing something from their male counterparts, but whatever it is that other women are missing, Antje Duvekot has it.

Her performance was inspirational and her music spectacular. Three of my favorite songs that she performed were "Dandelion," "Judas" and "Opium," which are all off of her "Boys, Flowers, Miles" album. Antje Duvekot is like a really, really good version of Alanis Morrisette. Look forward to her releasing her first full-fledged studio recorded album soon.

Not to be upstaged by his opener, Ellis Paul took to the stage after the CAB raffle (can we please somehow arrange that I can win something, please?) This year was Ellis Paul's thirteenth straight year coming to Hamilton to perform, to which he also added that he was getting old and the first time he played here some of us may or may not have been fetuses.

The rest of his performance did not lack any of the wit and comedy that he presented before the show in sound-check (where he fiddled around with the keyboard and told a story about the "bunnies and the squirrels" and how they were at a war which was "all about the nuts") nor did it lack his amazing stage presence.

He had full command of the stage as well as the audience's full attention, as everyone was enraptured with his music. Paul told jokes and interacted with the audience, even coming off stage to play a few songs in the audience. He also amused the audience with his rendition of what could possibly be called gospel music when he found the button on the keyboard to change the sound from piano to a choir of voices.

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Antje Duvekot tours with Paul.

He was honestly better than some of the comedians that have previously graced the Events Barn and the Annex. Besides his sparkling performance, Ellis Paul has eleven albums, has written music for major motion pictures ("Me, Myself and Irene" and "Shallow Hal,") and has recently released a documentary/concert DVD called "3000 Miles," as well as a book of stories and poems called "Notes from the Road."

To learn more about Ellis Paul or Antje Duvekot, or to order any of their music, visit their respective websites: www.ellispaul.com and www.antjeduvekot.com.

Vericon VI: Anime brought to you by Harvard

By Ashley Stagner '09
Arts & Entertainment Writer

I'm a little behind with this article because the Vericon VI convention that I went to at Harvard University was from January 27-29. My main purpose for this article is to remove the stigma that most conventions have; that they are only for geeks, nerds ubernerds, etc. I don't believe this is true.

A convention is only a group of people coming together with a common interest to share their passion for it. An example is a car show. Car shows don't receive the same treatment, and yet all they are is a group of people coming together to share their passion for cars. I know that people who go to car shows reading this will claim it isn't the same, but fundamentally it is. I have been to car shows before, and have seen the airbrushed cars that say "love machine" on the side. People can be just as eccentric about cars as they can be about anime.

The convention I went to, Vericon VI, was presented by the Harvard-Radcliffe Science Fiction Association in conjunction with the Harvard Anime Society. I went with the Hamilton Anime Club. We left Friday afternoon and came back Sunday night. And yes, this convention was for anime.

For those of you in the world who do not know of this glorious Japanese form of cartooning, well, according to whatis.techtarget.com, anime is "a term for a style of Japanese comic book and video cartoon animation in which the main characters have large doe-like eyes. Many Web sites are devoted to anime. Anime is the prevalent style in Japanese comic books or manga. In Japan, the comic book is a popular form of entertainment for adults as well as for younger audiences. Story lines are often very sophisticated and complex and extend into episodic series. Typical anime themes or genres include Ninja and other martial arts; the supernatural or horror story; the romance; and science fiction including robots and space ships. Foils for the main characters, including robots, monsters, or just plain bad people, often lack the doe-eyed quality."

While the convention was mostly for anime, it also featured several science-fiction writers such as George R. Martin, Sarah Smith, Marie Brennan, Greer Gilman and Elaine Isaak.

My main reason for going to the convention, besides the anime, was for the web-comic panel. I admit that I am a severe addict to the comic "ctrl+alt+del" created by Tim Buckley. Besides Buckley, the panel included Jeph Jacques ("Questionable Content"), Randy Millholland ("Something Positive") and Michael "Mookie" Terracciano ("Dominic Deegan: Oracle for Hire"). The room was packed for the panel, so my friend Bea and I were forced to sit in the aisle. Yes, we were fire-hazards.

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Anime cartoons are often characterized by the "doe-eyed" look.

It was great to hear the artists own opinions about their work, and also to hear their reasons for creating the comics. All four of them were sure that their comic would do well, but they were stunned at the support that they received. The artists have all had their share of hate mail, but it only makes them laugh. Most of the hate mail includes advice to the artists saying, "If it was my comic…" or telling them that they really shouldn't have gotten rid of a character.

After the panel was over, the artists signed autographs, sold their books and took pictures. As I mentioned before, I am a "ctrl+alt+del addict," so I was one of the people standing in line to get his autograph. No, this does not make me a geek. Besides, out of this experience I earned myself a new nickname from the artists themselves: rebel fire-hazard.

There were various activities for all three days including: role-playing games, a DDR tournament (Dance Dance Revolution—you know you're addicted to it), sci-fi movies, a Masquerade Ball (where there were pirates!), LAN, various gaming rooms, anime movies and just good old fashioned board games.

One of the things I loved most about going to this convention was the fact that there were so many different kinds of people there. There were kids of all ages, adults and even older people. Some people were dressed up in costumes; I saw pirates, ninjas, 'Final Fantasy" characters and just random cartoon characters.

It was quite interesting walking around the Harvard campus and watching someone dressed up as Yuna walk by. This form of dress was perfectly acceptable to the many students, but once one walked into the city, the costumes drew a lot of attention.

I obviously had a wonderful time at the convention, and made a lot of new friends. I would love for others to go to a convention as well. I am not saying I want you to go out dressed like Wolverine from "X-Men" and pretend to slash things with your claws. No. I would just like to get people to try something new. I am not talking strictly about anime either, just anything new. And at the very least you can go to an Anime Club meeting (every Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Red Pit at KJ). Hope to see you there!

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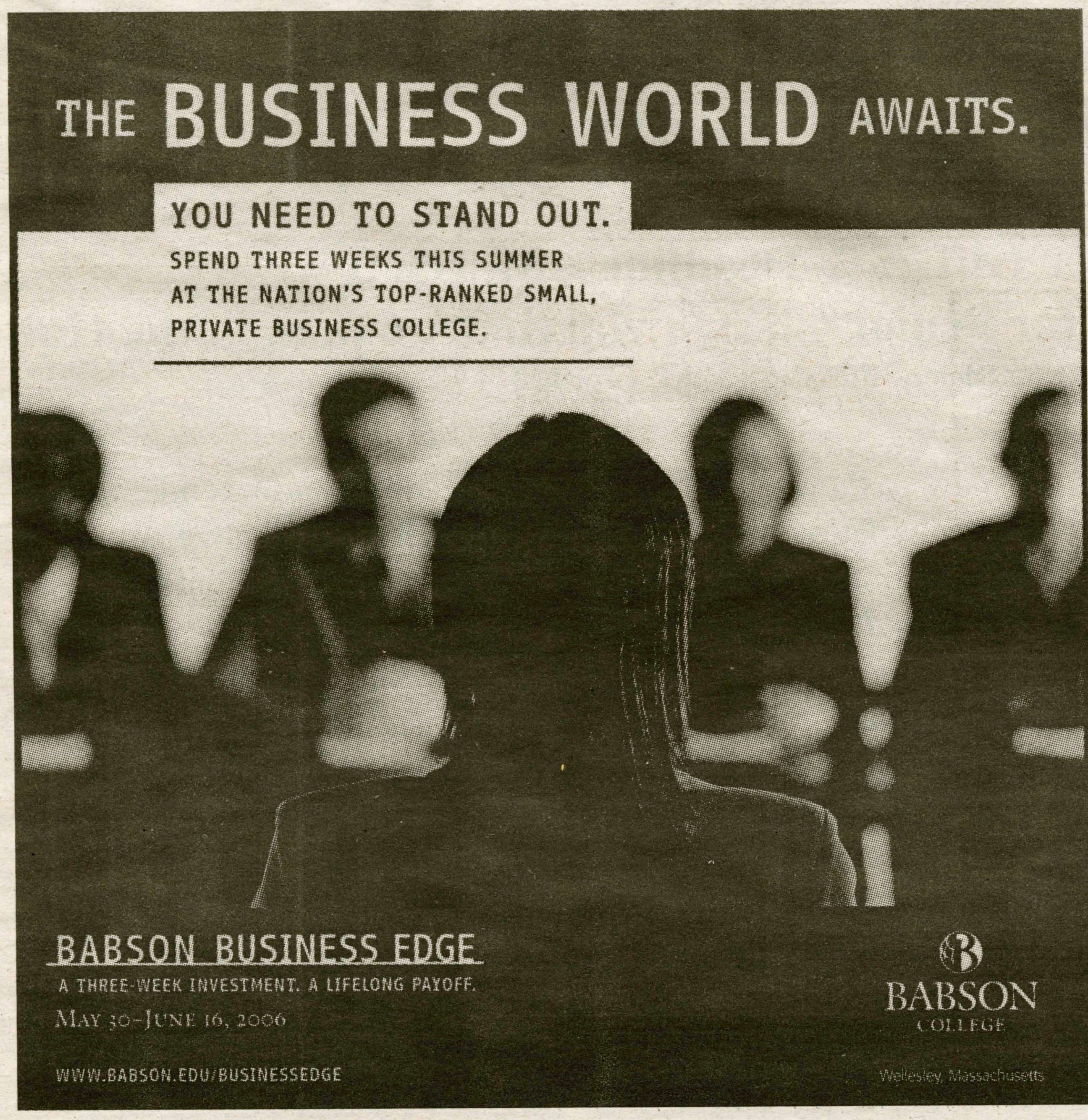

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Science & Technology

Mars Rover Spirit arrives at "Home Plate" on Mars

by Anne Schlesinger '06
Science & Technology Writer

The search for signs of water on Mars continues, as the Mars Rover Spirit has recently arrived at "Home Plate," a plateau in the Gusev Crater of Mars, reported the Associated Press (AP) on Feb. 13, 2006.

Spirit and Opportunity, the two solar-powered Mars rovers, landed on opposite sides of Mars in 2004. They have outlasted their primary mission and are now working "overtime," according to the AP.

The NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) website states that the goals of the expedition include searching for clues in the mineralogy and soil composition that indicate water-related processes, as well as determining the processes that shaped local terrain. Scientists also wish to assess Mars's current environment and the accuracy of surface observations made by Mars orbiter instruments.

In keeping with these goals, Spirit landed in an impact crater that may have at one time contained a lake, and Opportunity landed in Meridiani Planum, which contains hematite (iron-oxide) deposits that could indicate contact with water, stated the JPL website.

Each rover is equipped with a miniature thermal-emission spectrometer, used for identifying rocks and soils, a panoramic camera, an alpha particle X-ray spectrometer for close-up analysis of elemental abundance in rocks, magnets for collecting dust particles, a microscopic imager for obtaining high-resolution images of rocks and soils, and a rock abrasion tool, used to scrape off the weathered exterior of the samples.

An artist's rendition of the Mars Rover Spirit. Spirit and the other rover Opportunity landed on opposite sides of Mars in 2004. Spirit recently landed in the Gusev Crater of Mars, an area that may have at one time contained a lake.

Spirit's recent analysis of Home Plate reveals a plateau composed of distinctly layered rocks. According to the AP, Principal Investigator Steve Squyres of Cornell University remarked, "It's stunning...by far the best layering we've ever seen at Gusev."

While the bottom layers are coarse grained, the top layers are fine-grained, a typical pattern for rocks that have accumulated from volcanic eruptions, impact craters, wind, or water. Particles in the air or water settle to the ground by density, which means that the heavier, coarser particles will settle first, and the finer grained material will settle last. Although Squyres believes the rocks to be of volcanic origin, he added that further study is needed to definitively identify their origin, reported the AP.

Spirit has already examined other outcrops in the Gusev crater that were formed by explosive events. According to the AP, Scientists report that three of these outcrops comprise water-altered debris from explosive events that occurred around 4 billion years ago.

Spirit's next destination is the outcrop "Gibson," named after baseball catcher Josh Gibson. In a NASA press release posted on the JPL website, Mary Cleave, associate director for the NASA Science Mission Directorate, expressed hopes that the extension would "uncover discoveries that will enable new investigations of the red planet."

Pataki promotes alternate energy

by Jessica Wolinksy '06
Science & Technology Writer

In his 12th and final State of the State Address delivered on January 4, 2006, New York State Governor George E. Pataki set out a comprehensive five-point agenda that includes a proposal to alleviate U.S. dependency on fossil fuels. Pataki hopes to tackle the excessive amounts of U.S. oil consumption by endorsing the use of ethanol and biodiesel as alternative and renewable sources of fuel. In his speech, Pataki reminded his audience that since 1995, "New York has been an unparalleled national leader in environmental protection," and he hopes to continue this trend by encouraging the use of alternative fuel sources.

Pataki's proposal to establish a sustainable alternative energy industry and reduce oil consumption in NY State involves five main points including: 1) tax incentives for companies that develop clean and renewable energy sources; 2) renewable fuel stations all over NY State, starting with the NY Thruway; 3) tax-exempt renewable fuels; 4) building refineries that produce ethanol from agricultural products (specifically corn); 5) promoting the development and use of hybrid vehicles that plug into homes and run on renewable fuels.

So what are biodiesel and ethanol? Biodiesel is a clean-burning alternative fuel made from vegetable oil that contains no petroleum, but that can be mixed with petroleum to create a biodiesel blend. Ethanol, a grain alcohol, is produced by the fermentation of plant sugars and is typically created from corn or other grain products. The current ethanol product, sold primarily in the New York metropolitan area, consists of a mixture of only 10 percent ethanol with 90 percent gasoline. However, websites such as www.e85fuel.org hope to promote more widespread use of E-85, an ethanol mixture consisting of 85 percent ethanol content.

Some of the arguments against the use of these renewable fuels include the concern that New York State will become too dependent on outside providers of the agricultural products used in ethanol production. The proposed economic gains for New York State that accompany Pataki's renewable fuel plan could become threatened if New York starts to look towards more agriculture-rich states, such as Iowa, as primary sources for the necessary grain products. Another disadvantage to the use of alternative fuels includes the argument that ethanol is less energy-dense than gasoline, and therefore drivers would need to fill up their fuel tanks more frequently.

Governor Pataki defends his endorsement of these renewable fuels by arguing for the need to focus on currently available sources of alternative fuels, rather than waiting for research and technological advances that may make more idealistic energy sources, such as hydrogen, available in the future. If the State approves the Governor's plan it will provide New Yorkers with one of the nation's most diverse ranges of fuel options.

According to a *New York Times* article, an estimated 200,000 New Yorkers own vehicles that can run on ethanol instead of gasoline, but most are probably unaware that this option even exists. Furthermore, all diesel engines can use biodiesel fuels. Governor Pataki owns a Chevrolet Suburban that runs on ethanol. To find out whether your vehicle can run on ethanol, log onto www.e85fuel.com.

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An estimated 200,000 New Yorkers own vehicles that can run on ethanol instead of gasoline, but most are unaware of this option. Ethanol is a grain alcohol produced by the fermentation of plant sugars and is typically created from corn or other grain products.

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Men's hockey will travel to Williams again

Team will play #2 Ephs for a spot in the NESCAC semifinals

by TJ Reynolds '07
SPORTS WRITER

No team had a harder final weekend in NESCAC play than the Continentals did heading into their last two games of the regular season. Friday night they traveled to Middlebury, VT to take on the nationally ranked number three Middlebury Panthers. On Saturday, Hamilton (8-9-2 NESCAC, 10-11-3 overall) faced another nationally ranked opponent in Williams for the final game before the NESCAC playoffs began. Middlebury (16-2-1, 20-2-2) and Williams (13-3-3, 14-6-3) had already solidified their spots as the two top teams in the league.

Against Middlebury, goalie Gabe Tash '06 earned his fourth career assist at the 14:52 mark in the first period as John Gordon '07 notched his fifth of the season on a power play goal. Just a minute later All-American Gus Katsuras '06 scored his 74th career goal on an assist from Erik Kallio '06 and the Continentals found themselves with an early 2-0 lead.

The Panthers were able to cut the deficit in half as they put one in with less than a minute left in the first. With 5:07 left in the second period Middlebury tied the game at two. Middlebury was able to notch the eventual game-winning goal just 42 seconds later. Middlebury tallied another two unanswered goals for the 5-2 win. The win ensured Middlebury's home ice advantage throughout the playoffs. NESCAC Men's Ice Hockey Tournaments started in 2000 and since its initiation, Middlebury has appeared in every championship, only losing one to Trinity in 2003.

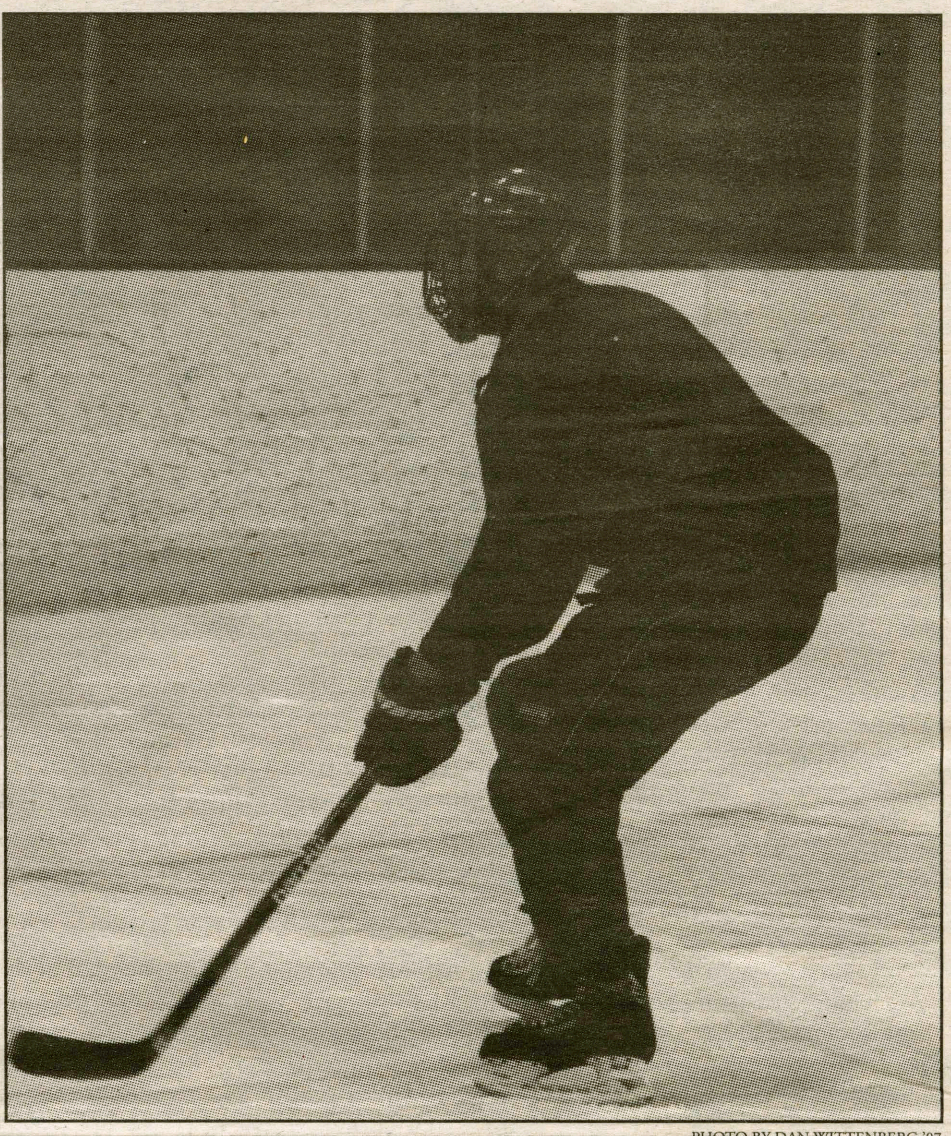
Hamilton had to wait to the final game of the season to take on rival Williams, but will only have to wait until tomorrow for their next match up as Hamilton travels again this weekend to Williams for the NESCAC quarterfinals.

Williams certainly had momentum going into Saturday's game, having won their past eight games and Hamilton being winless in the month of Febraury. However, the two teams battled back and forth with several lead changes over the course of the game. Williams struck first, scoring five minutes into regulation. The Ephs were able to put in a short handed goal four minutes later for an early two-goal lead. The Continentals refused to surrender and scored a flurry of goals; as a result, before the first period finished they had overtaken the lead 3-2.

The goal barrage started just 19 seconds after Williams had taken a 2-0 lead when Matt Mesi '08 put in his first of the game to cut the Eph's lead in half. In his 100th career game, senior Gus Katsuras earned his 139th point of his career as he was awarded the assist for Erik Kallio's 13th goal of the season. Mesi scored again with under three minutes left in the first period to give the buff and blue the 3-2 lead.

The Continentals carried their momentum into the second frame and added another two goals to their lead by the end of the period. Mike Hayes '06 and Matt Sherban '08 each added a goal to extend Hamilton's lead to 5-2 heading into the final period.

In the third period's seventh minute of play, Williams was able to put in two goals and suddenly the game was in reach for the Ephs. With just over two minutes left in regulation, Williams scored their third goal of the period, tying the score at 5-5. Both teams were unable to capitalize on any opportunities in overtime and the game ended at 5-5. Tash started his seventeenth game this season and had a remarkable 43 saves. Tash ended the year with a 7-7-2 record and a .879 save percentage.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If last Saturday's game was an indication of tomorrow's game, then the fans are in for quite a thrilling matchup. Tomorrow's tilt will be the 125th between the two schools. Williams has a 63-49-12 all-time advantage. Hamilton comes in as the seventh seed but in their past nine meetings the Continentals are 6-1-2 against the Ephs. The team hopes to earn their fifth win in NESCAC tournament play and extend their season another week.

Beat the Experts

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Season Record:	**35-26**	**25-24**	**33-28**	**30-31**	
Men's NCAA Basketball					
Syracuse @ #23 Georgetown, 2/25	Georgetown	Georgetown	Georgetown	Georgetown	'Cuse Town
Kentucky @ #24 LSU, 2/25	Kentucky	LSU	Kentucky	LSU	Kentucky
#13 Boston College @ #14 NC St. 2/25	BC	BC	NC State	NC State	NC State
Texas Tech @ Oklahoma St., 2/25	OK St.	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
#2 Villanova @ #4 UConn, 2/26	UConn	Villanova	UConn	UConn	Villanova
NBA					
Cleveland @ Detroit, 2/26	Detroit	Lebron James	Detroit	Lebron James	Detroit
Indiana @ New Jersey, 2/26	New Jersey	New Jersey	Indiana	New Jersey	New Jersey
Philadelphia @ Dallas, 2/27	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Philly	Dallas
Minnesota @ Chicago, 2/28	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Chicago	Chicago
Men's NCAA Hockey					
#4 BU @ #16 Vermont, 2/25	Vermont	BU	BU	Vermont	BU
#18 St. Lawrence @ Dartmouth, 2/25	Dartmouth	Dartmouth	Dartmouth	Dartmouth	Dartmouth
#17 Providence @ #14 UNH, 2/25	UNH	UNH	UNH	Providence	UNH
#13 North Dakota @ #12 Denver, 2/25	Denver	Denver	North Dakota	Denver	Denver

Men's track looks ahead to State Championships

by Doug Paetzell '09
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton men's track and field team traveled to St. Lawrence University two weekends ago in hopes of claiming the title of Liberty League Champion. After previous years of disappointing outcomes, the Continentals hoped they could change their success by overcoming tough opponents like St. Lawrence, RPI and Union. Despite their valiant efforts, Hamilton fell short of St. Lawrence and RPI to place third at the Liberty League Championship meet. Even though the team was distraught over their tough loss, many Hamilton runners, throwers and jumpers performed some of their best marks of the season and some athletes captured first place in their respective events.

Throughout the years that Hamilton has competed at the Liberty League Championship, the meet always provided tough competition for the Continental athletes. In past championships, a pattern developed in which St. Lawrence finished first, RPI finished second, and Hamilton finished third, always very close to RPI. This year was true to form as the same result occurred. Captain Kyle Graham '06 lamented, "It's hard for me not to be disappointed after Liberty League's."

He continued by saying, "It seems that every year we place ahead of Union and right behind RPI and St. Lawrence, so yet another third place finish is upsetting." Even though their third place finish disappointed some athletes, many Continentals were happy with their respectable outcome.

During the meet, many of the athletes performed some of their best times, distances and heights of the year and captured a first place title in their events. In the field events, Graham won the pole vault event by jumping a height of 4.28 meters, outdoing his rival competitors by a considerable distance. Tidelco Ductan '09 secured another victory in the triple jump by soaring an outstanding 13.59 meters. Claudius Zorokong '08 finished second place in the long jump with a distance of 6.52 meters.

In the running events, the Continentals were unable to get any first place finishes. Allan Guiney '08, finished second in the one-mile run with a time of 4:27.32, just two seconds behind the first place finisher. Just after running a grueling mile, Guiney also managed to finish fifth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:02.43. In the 400 meter run, Rich Schwam '06 captured a third place finish, running a time of 52.35. Will Lynch '08 had a second place finish in the 200 meter dash, crossing the line in a time of 23.24 seconds. Keith Gross '09, finished an exhausting 5,000 meter run with a fifth place finish, clocking a time of 16:15.21.

Last week, the team returned to Hamilton ready to train for their next meet. Realizing the season was quickly coming to a close, the team ratcheted up their training to another level in order to prepare for their meet at Cornell. The Continentals looked to this meet as a good training event for the upcoming New York State Championships. At the Cornell meet, the Hamilton athletes faced teams they saw at the Liberty League Championship, like St. Lawrence and RIT, as well as tough Division I teams, like Cornell. Even though the competition was tough, Hamilton took the challenge and used it as an opportunity to improve on their best performance marks.

Many Continentals also saw the Cornell meet as a last chance to qualify for the State Championship meet this weekend. One outstanding performance came from Guiney, who placed fourth in the one-mile run by crossing the finish like in a time of 4:27.06. Jesse Gaylord '06 had another impressive race by finishing seventh in the 500 meter dash with a time of 1:09.04. In addition, Lynch finished sixth in the 200 meter dash crossing the line at 23.40 seconds.

The Hamilton athletes also put together some relay teams that proved to work well together. The 4 x 800 meter relay finished second with a time of 8:13.13 and the 4 x 400 meter relay finished fourth with a time of 3:32.34. As a result of some of the exceptional performances from Continental athletes at Cornell, many of the track and field athletes qualified for the state meet this weekend.

Throughout the week, the athletes have been looking forward to the New York State Championship meet, where the best Division III athletes in the state will compete against each other for the state title. For many of the Continentals, this will be the last meet in which they will run, giving them more incentive to fight their hardest this weekend.

Graham explained, "The state meet is the pinnacle of everything we've been training for this year. Even though some of us have qualified for the ECAC competition next weekend, the state meet is our opportunity to compare ourselves to every Division III team in the state and fight for All-State honors."

For now, the Continentals are just trying to keep themselves healthy for the competition this weekend. Throughout the season, the athletes have trained their hardest to reach their top level of physical stamina for which they will need to compete against the best athletes in the state.

"Being so close to the state meet, I really think there is little that can be done in this last week to be better prepared physically," said Graham.

The Hamilton track and field team feels they are ready to compete this weekend against some of the best.

"Going into States, I like to think of some words the great Steve Prefontaine, who said, 'somebody may beat me, but they are going to have to bleed to do it,'" declared Graham.

The New York State Championship meet will be held this weekend at RIT with all qualifying Division III athletes participating.

Playoffs start for hockey

by John Cloonan '07
SPORTS WRITER

The women's hockey team finished their regular season with a battle against Williams College. Though the Ephs slipped by with a 1-0 victory, the lady Conts have a second chance this weekend in the opening round of the NESCAC Championships. The culmination of the regular season was somewhat disappointing for the ladies as it was dotted with losses. However, three of their final five games were against ranked opponents, and their effort was never lacking. With Friday's game searing in their memory, the lady Conts are hoping for different results come Saturday.

Hamilton (10-13-1 overall) finished the regular season tied with Amherst College for fifth place in the NESCAC. Due to their two painful regular season losses to Amherst, they have been placed as the sixth seed in the tournament. The ladies battled hard all season in one of the country's most competitive conferences. This Saturday they hope to show that Hamilton belongs among such an elite group. In the last four NESCAC championship tournaments, the Continentals have a 2-4 record. The Williams Ephs come to town with an 11-4-1 record. Two of those wins were over Hamilton. Despite the advantage in record, both games were won by a single goal, and neither was dominant performance. A victory on Saturday would be Hamilton's first defeat of Williams since the 2002-03 season and would be a great program booster.

This season has been a breakout season for the Continentals. Head Coach Shannon Bryant has finished her sixth season with 60 wins. Under Bryant, the last four seasons have been ten plus win seasons. The success she has experienced can be partly attributed to the hard work and determination of her players. Senior Zoe Baldwin broke the Hamilton all-time records of points and goals with 136 and 91, respectively. This season alone she is third in the conference with 17 goals and seventh in points with 29. Her career total of 45 assists has her fourth in the Hamilton record books. Another senior, and team captain Jane Bradley, has 30 goals and 30 assists in 95 career games. Strong defensive play also came from Kristina Carroll '07 who is ranked ninth in the conference among defenseman with 12 points. Also, Caitlyn Connelly '07 has started 18 of 24 games and has proven a valuable asset between the pipes.

Despite a plethora of close, nail-biting games the Continentals should have won, they have never given up. This team is a resilient, heart-filled, hard-working group of women who demand success. The team has placed themselves in a position to excel. A productive post-season performance would be the climax to a great Continental season.

Athlete of the Week: Emily Clinkhammer '06

COURTESY OF EMILY CLINKHAMMER '06

Full name:
Emily Dawn Clinkhammer

High school/Hometown:
Cazenovia Jr./Sr. High School; Cazenovia, NY

Birthday: April 1, 1984

Concentration:
Math and Women's Studies.

Location on Campus: Milbank

Relationship Status:
I may have a boyfriend, but I'm married to Mike Salmon.

Sport & Position/Events:
Diving; 1-meter & 3-meter.

Post-Graduate plans?:
Why do people keep asking me?

Best High School Memory:
Making States my senior year.

Greatest College Sports Memory/Achievement:
NESCACs 2006: diving on a broken foot and still getting the national qualifying score on three meter.

School Records/League Accolades/Awards?:
Twice all NESCAC, twice Honorable Mention All-American, Three-time League Diver of the Week, and Diver of the Meet.

Describe yourself in three words:
Pretty damn sweet.

Favorite Professor:
Professor Bedient

Favorite Celebrity:
Todd Kolean

Favorite Movie(s):
See my facebook profile.

Favorite Book(s):
"The Virgin Suicides."

Favorite Food:
Sweet potato fries.

Favorite Music:
Two words: "Pearl Jam."

Favorite TV Show(s):
"Friends" and "Sex and the City" were the only two shows I ever watched on a weekly basis.

On campus job(s):
Mike's shrink.

Fondest Hamilton Memory:
Cady Kashner streaking: on a bike, only in sunglasses with a bumper sticker on her back.

Best Hamilton Party:
Farm party freshman year.

Last Movie You Saw in Theaters:
Harry Potter... clearly I don't get out much.

Elliptical or Treadmill?:
Elliptical, although some of those people on the ellipticals scare me.

If you didn't dive, what would you do on campus?:
Streaking team, obviously.

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Men's bball hosts League tourney this weekend

Hamilton will host RPI in first game; winner plays SLU/Union

by Jack Maloney '08
SPORTS WRITER

With the regular season over, the Hamilton College men's basketball team stands at an impressive 20-4 and finished with sole possession of first place in the Liberty League. After a weekend where the Continentals split their two games, they will now have an entire week to prepare for the Liberty League tournament. If nothing else, this past weekend showed the resilience of the team after they suffered an excruciatingly tough loss to league rival St. Lawrence.

Friday night, Hamilton traveled to Canton, NY to take on second place St. Lawrence. The Saints had no intention of letting the Continentals come in and walk all over them. From the opening tip-off, both sides displayed a tough willingness to win and the determination to not give up. St. Lawrence, however, came out on top of this one as the score ended in a close 66-63 with overtime.

Tim Welchons '06 led all players with a game-high 20 points, and shot 8-16 from the floor. Most impressive was that he scored 17 of his points in the second half and in overtime. Although it was a loss, Welchons repeatedly shows his incredible ability to elevate his level of play when the game is close.

Tsakane Ngobeni '07 continues to be a force on both the offensive and defensive sides of the court. He grabbed 11 rebounds and scored 10 points. This marked his fourth double-double in the team's last six games. Nick Jones '07 added 10 points of his own, but the team could not pull it all together and the loss ended their seven game winning streak. The Continentals knew they were going to have to come out hard Saturday if they wanted to avoid backing into the playoffs.

Clarkson, one of the teams at the bottom of the league, played a hard fought game and earned some respect playing very tough basketball even with their season certain to end after the game. They made the Continentals work for every point they scored. While Hamilton was clearly the superior team, the Golden Knights were relentless and trailed at the half by only two with a score of 32-30.

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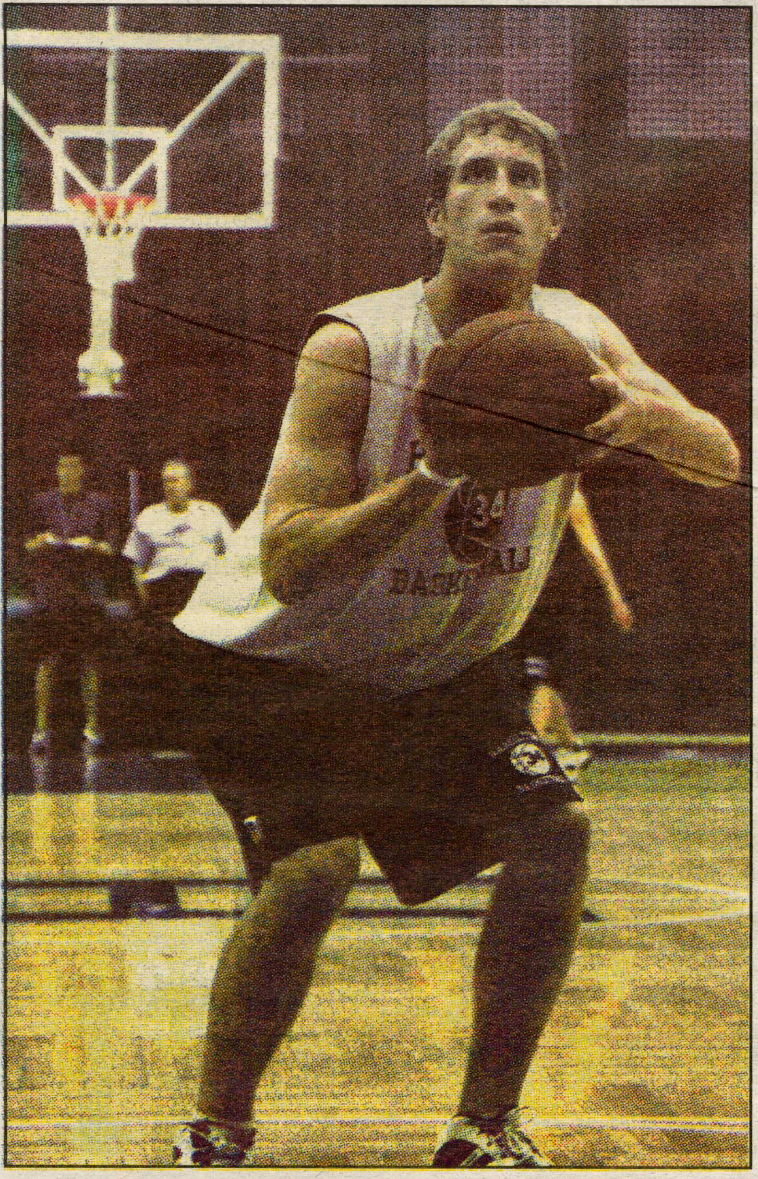

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The second half was just as tight, yet Hamilton was able to walk away with a respectable 65-59 victory. Ngobeni had one of his best games of the year finishing with a season-high 19 points to go along with seven tough rebounds. He will have to continue this exceptional play if the Continentals want to make it far into the postseason. Welchons had another strong performance and ended the afternoon with 16 points. Jones dropped in 12 points and blocked three shots. Zarrette Rogers '07 responded well to being in the starting lineup and finished with eight points and handed out a team-high four assists.

With home court advantage for the playoffs already wrapped up and determined, this was still an important win to prevent the team from heading into the tournament on a two-game skid.

With the regular season over, many Continentals finished up with great numbers and will look to continue this trend far into the postseason. Welchons, Jones, Phil Valenti '06 and Ngobeni are all averaging more than 10 points a game this season. The team's big man Giorgi Chavleishvili '08 is averaging just below ten with 9.7 points per game. Additionally Staunton Peck '06 is among the Liberty League's top ten in rebounds, assists and steals.

Hamilton will need to call on these six players along with the rest of their supporting cast when number four seed Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute comes into the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House tonight. The Red Hawks arrive at Hamilton with a 9-5 Liberty League record. Earlier today, St. Lawrence (the number two seed), will take on the three seed in Union College. The winners of these two games, Hamilton v. RPI and St. Lawrence v. Union, will then face off Saturday afternoon.

The winner of the championship game Saturday will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs. The men's basketball team has a good chance to host a first round NCAA tournament game for the first time since 2004 if they win the Liberty League Championship this weekend. In recent history, the men's team hosted first round games in 2003, winning against Colby-Sawyer College, and 2004, unfortunately losing to St. John Fisher College. A first round home game would give the Continentals momentum in their postseason push into the NCAA tournament. Tournament seeding will be important in the team's drive to reach the NCAA Division III Final Four in Salem, Virginia. Hamilton will potentially be matched up with Union College in the championship game with the chance to avenge a difficult four-point loss in last year's championships. Hopefully this weekend will see the team take two wins at home and return the team to the NCAA Tournament after a year layoff. Hamilton has the benefit of playing very well at home. The Continentals are 10-2 at home this season. They also have the added benefit of being 2-0 versus RPI and 2-0 versus Union this season.

The action starts tonight at 8 p.m. and the Hamilton community ought to come out in large numbers to support their team. Look for the Continentals to excel in their post-season play.